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The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:
Thou maintainest my lot.
The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Psalms 16:5-6

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

Proverbs 22:1

Except the LORD build the house,
They labour in vain that build it.

Psalms 127:1

Broad-streeted Richmond

The trees in the streets are old trees used to living with people,
Family-trees that remember your grandfather's name.

Stephen Vincent Benet: *John Brown's Body*, Book 4

He serves me most who serves his country best.

Alexander Pope: *The Iliad of Homer*, Book X, line 201

PREFACE

In 1947 after I had completed *The Herndon Family of Virginia: Volume One—The First Three Generations*, I decided that Volume Two should appear under the title, *The Herndons of the American Revolution*. The manuscript was prepared, and a part of it was actually set in type. Its content, however, was strictly limited to an identification of the various Herndons for whom I had found a record of service during the Revolution and to a recitation of what that service was. Friends whom I consulted urged me to change the style of its presentation so as to follow the arrangement, by families, usually observed in genealogical writings, and to include whatever significant data I had found applicable to each person of the fourth and fifth generation, whether it pertained to his or her part in the American Revolution or not.

Their advice was good, and so in 1948 I reprepared my manuscript, and added the names of the children of the members of the fifth generation. In other words, I extended the scope to include the names of the sixth generation and their spouses. When my friendly critics saw the result, they wisely recommended that an expansion be made to include a statement of the places and dates of birth, death, marriage, and occasionally of burial of all known members of the sixth generation and a note as to whether they left issue. Hundreds of pages of manuscript were then rewritten to include that information.

Some of these loyal friends, on reading individual sketches which I sent them, stressed their desire then to see a record of another whole generation added, by my listing corresponding information about the seventh generation. They explained that it would make the published work much more valuable, and that it would enable hundreds of persons to determine their own Herndon descent with far greater ease.

So once more I began the writing of the additional records from data I had previously assembled. (Of course, during this period of time correspondents were adding information and correcting details in previously supplied material.) It was then 1949. I was still expecting to include all this wealth of material in a single volume. But, as the year advanced, I realized better than ever before the size of the task I had set for myself. I decided that I must break up the work into Parts and complete the various Parts successively.

By the spring of 1950 I found that I then had ready for printing all that was to be included in Parts I and II. Part III was nearly ready.

THE PLAN It is my plan to have a Part deal with all the known descendants in the fourth and through the seventh generation of a person mentioned in *The Herndon Family of Virginia* as a grandchild of William Herndon, founder of the Virginia family. Thus Part One treats of the family of John Herndon, of Charlotte County; Part Two concerns the family of Edward Herndon, of Spotsylvania County; Part Three deals with the family of William Herndon, of Orange County, Va., and so on. Some errors in *The Herndon Family of Virginia* have, of course, been discovered. In the various Parts of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* corrections of those errors will be made in appropriate places.

FEMALE LINES I have made no serious attempt to include herein a detailed record of Herndon descendants in the female line. Yet when appropriate information concerning them has been furnished me or when my own researches have revealed data pertinent to them, I have included a statement of that material, with citation to the source from which it was obtained.

MARRIAGE RECORDS In Virginia the use of marriage bonds rather than marriage licenses was general from about 1783 until past the middle of the Nineteenth Century. Great numbers of these have been lost. They were originally in the custody of county officials.

Some have been transferred to the State Library at Richmond. Others were sent there temporarily for transcription or photostating. Still others of the extant bonds remain in the county courthouses, some not even indexed. With the passing years these records which were for so long a time inaccessible to the general public are commencing to be more readily available, either in printed lists in genealogical publications or in the Archives Division of the State Library.

In this book I have regularly given the marriage bond date as the date of marriage, except in those cases in which I have a record of the latter as being different from the former. Since such bonds and, somewhat later, marriage licenses are nearly always arranged chronologically in the county records, I have omitted page references. When, however, information about the date of a marriage has come to me from other than an official source, I have tried, in each case, to give credit to the person who contributed it to me.

PROBATES The first step in probating a Will is, of course, the presentation of it to the appropriate court. In some States the Will is then

said to be *probated*; in others, *proved*; in others, *presented for probate*; in others, *placed on register*, and so forth. The actual probate is subsequent to this action. To a genealogist, however, the date when a Will is first presented to the court is of importance, for if that date is coupled with the date when the Will was signed or the last codicil thereto was added, there is definitely established the limited period within which the testator must have died. It has been my usual practice to use the term *proved* to signify that a Will was offered for probate. If the actual date of death is known, the genealogical significance of the date of probate disappears.

CENSUS RECORDS When I have lacked the exact dates of birth of the children in a family, I have frequently found their ages given in the Federal Census of 1850, 1860, 1870, or 1880. I have utilized such information without specifying the source of my statement as to the year of birth shown. Similarly, when a man is shown to be living in 1860 but his name is not shown in the next enumeration but instead his formerly listed wife is shown as then the head of what had been his family, I have ordinarily assumed that she is his widow. In such a case I would give the date of his death as "probably 1860-1870." When successive censuses have shown wide disparities in the age of an individual, I have had to rely on other data even to estimate an approximate date of birth.

AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE RECORDS The original source material which I examined for the preparation of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* is located either in The National Archives at Washington or in the Archives of the various States mentioned. In the various Parts of this book I have quoted in detail the priceless information extracted from all types of service records and pension papers. I have used secondary material only when I have tested its reliability for complete accuracy in many particulars, and also when it was impossible for me to seek out the original documents themselves. Nearly every item quoted is one which I personally examined in its present official abiding place.

LATER MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS Although the purpose of this book is to honor those brave men and women who patriotically contributed to the winning of The American Revolution, I have included herein a brief mention of the services rendered by Herndons of later generations in the War of 1812, the Indian Wars, and the Mexican War. I have made no attempt to give a full record of such service. I have, I am

glad to note, what is supposed to be a complete list of the Herndons who were enroled in the Armed Forces of our Nation in all our wars from the Revolution through the Spanish-American and an official abstract of their participation.

RECORDS of 1861-1865: UNION AND CONFEDERATE The fact that I have mentioned in the text that a person served in the Union or Confederate Army must not be taken to imply that others in that family did not also serve. My Civil War records are too voluminous to be presented herein in any detail. I have, moreover, not hesitated to use the term "Civil War." When I was a student at Washington and Lee University, the expression "War between the States" had not gained currency. The passage of forty years has not caused me to see what is gained by the longer title. Once while I was examining some records at Spotsylvania Courthouse I saw in an old book that that titanic conflict was called "Virginia's Second War for Independence." My records are of brave men who lived and fought, and many of whom died for what they held most dear. Some were Union soldiers; more were Confederate soldiers. My own Herndons were all on the Confederate side of the struggle, which I call the Civil War, as they did also.

NICKNAMES Among the problems confronting an indexer one of the most troublesome concerns nicknames. I commend to your consideration, in looking for any individual's name in the index, a thought as to the other names by which he or she may well have been called. Then see whether a person by such a name is listed.

ABBREVIATIONS The only abbreviations used herein are those regularly used in standard genealogical works. The well known volume of Spotsylvania County Records, compiled by William A. Crozier, is, however, cited merely as *Crozier*.

APPEAL FOR CORRECTION OF ERRORS I shall be most pleased to receive information concerning members of the Herndon family which is either additional to that contained herein or in correction of it. If the reader has any dates to supply, either of birth, marriage, or death, I hope he or she will send them to me. If any old family letters give pertinent and interesting facts not likely to be otherwise generally known, I shall be pleased to receive copies of them. If any family Bibles give data not already in my possession, I shall be delighted to receive copies, photostatic, handwritten, or typewritten. It is my plan to have a special Part of *ad-denda et errata*. If you prefer *corrigenda* to the uglier intimations and

insinuations of *errata*, you may call your corrections of my errors by this milder term. I sincerely trust that the number of errors is slight and that the number of contributions of new material will be substantial. This planned Part dealing with such items will be scheduled to appear on completion of the last of the regular Parts. Whether its number will be 13 or 16 is now unimportant.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS In footnotes to various sketches in all the Parts of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* I have attempted to record the names of those who have furnished me information about individual members of the Herndon family. But I realize full well how inadequate such an expression of my appreciation is—as if I could crowd into a line at the bottom of a page the real sense of indebtedness I feel to each of my 800 correspondents who, by his or her generosity of time and suggestions and contributions of family records, has enriched this study.

In my earlier work, *The Herndon Family of Virginia: The First Three Generations*, I singled out for special recognition certain persons who had been of unusual assistance to me in its preparation. Now it becomes my privilege to name others who in various ways have been very helpful in the completion and presentation of this more ambitious opus, *The Herndons of the American Revolution*. The Reverend Clayton Torrence, FASG, and Meredith B. Colket, Jr., M.A., FASG, have never ceased to encourage me from the very start of my effort. The former, more than any other person, taught me the standards of genealogical excellence toward which I should strive. I have not achieved his felicity of expression whereby the *dramatis personae* of his genealogical sketches all become flesh and blood characters whom you would recognize if, by turning backward the wheel of time, you might meet them on the street or in the marketplace, on their plantation, at church, or at a county courthouse somewhere in Virginia or North Carolina; but I have recognized the importance of giving information additional to dates of birth, marriage, and death. Meredith Colket, though full of honors, is still in his thirties. When he was a student at Haverford College, he majored in Government under me. With the passing years our friendship has grown even closer. He has never let up in his enthusiasm to see my Herndon data arranged and printed. In the past few years I have all but majored in Genealogy under him! Only in small measure can I acknowledge my unpayable debt to my beloved wife, Grace Middleton Herndon, for her cheeriness of spirit, for her extraordinary patience with me while I sought out knowledge of Herndons who had long since passed from earth, and for her travels with me to courthouses at which she hoped I would not stop.

We have had wonderful times together on genealogical quests in England and all over the United States, and our lives have been enriched by the friendships that have blossomed from the contacts then made. Of these I here take note of two. "Top priority" ratings are given to Martha Gilmore (Mrs. R. G.) Robinson, of New Orleans, La., and Ruth Herndon (Mrs. C. W.) Shields, of Chapel Hill, N. C., both of whom have an intense love for solving baffling puzzles of family relationship. Each of these has given untold hours toward making my Herndon records more nearly complete. Mrs. Shields' compilations are, in fact, so thorough that I hope that she may be persuaded to publish them as a sort of source book on the history of Orange County, North Carolina.

Mr. George H. S. King, FASG, of Fredericksburg, Va., Miss Ann Waller Reddy, of Richmond, Va., Dr. Joseph Dupuy Eggleston, of Hampden-Sydney, Va., Miss Grace Yager, of Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. William Day Dickinson, of Glasgow, Ky., Mrs. Luke Hodges, of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Miss Frances Powell Otken, of Macomb, Mississippi, have been wonderfully helpful in connection with specialized fields of investigation. But as I said in my earlier book, these compilations would have been impossible but for the data gathered by my uncle, Thomas Hall Herndon, now deceased, and Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon, now of Charlottesville, Va.

I wish to record here my sincere thanks for the especially helpful suggestions on several genealogical research matters given me by Mrs. James Claiborne Pollard, of the staff of the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library at Richmond, and by her assistants, Miss Bass, Mrs. Nugent, and Mrs. Russell. Mrs. W. S. West, of the staff of the North Carolina Department of History and Archives, at Raleigh, Mr. E. M. Lynch, Clerk of the Superior Court of Orange County, at Hillsboro, North Carolina, and Mrs. Margaret M. H. Finch, who retired in 1949 from her position in the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., where for many years she was in charge of Revolutionary War pension claims, are three other public servants who have generously rendered me aid "beyond the call of duty." They deserve special recognition for their part in the Herndon record.

I contributed to the *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine* for January 1950 an article entitled "The Militia of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, as evidenced by Petitions of 14 November 1776." In response to my request for permission to reprint that article in this book, Mrs. James B. Patton, President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, wrote me under date of 29 November 1950 in part as follows: "I am happy to give this permission, and wish you all

success in the publication of your book. Very sincerely, Marguerite C. Patton." I here make acknowledgment of my appreciation of that courtesy.

And last, for an entirely different field of his cooperation, I mention Mr. Arthur J. Frank, executive vice-president of The Wickersham Printing Company, Incorporated, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In season and out of season he and his co-workers have aided me with suggestions for the improvement of the appearance of what I have written. They know, as all true booklovers know, that fine printing is an art.

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THIRD GENERATION

#6 EDWARD HERNDON (second son of Edward Herndon and his wife Mary Waller) died, testate, in Spotsylvania County, Va., 1759. By his first wife, Elizabeth, believed to be ELIZABETH STUBBLEFIELD, he left the four children named below. By his second wife, MARY BROCK, he had no issue. For details about him see *HFV* 19-25. The record of each of his children is included in the following pages:

- 28 EDWARD HERNDON m MARY DUERSON.
- 29 JOHN HERNDON m MARY LEWIS.
- 30 ELIZABETH HERNDON m JOHN BATALEY.
- 31 JOSEPH HERNDON m 1st PHILADELPHIA FOSTER; m 2nd MARY MINOR.

FOURTH GENERATION

#28 EDWARD HERNDON [6 Edward] was born about 1729 in Spotsylvania County, Va. About 1755 he married MARY DUERSON, a daughter of Thomas Duerson and his wife Hannah Brock. Thomas Duerson in his Will, dated 5 December 1768, mentions his son-in-law Edward Herndon.¹

Called Edward Herndon, Jr., he was first appointed collector of the Parish levy by the Vestry of St. George's Parish 5 November 1750. He was subsequently reappointed every year² through 1766. Others who served as collectors with him during certain of those years were John Battaley, Joseph Brock, and his brother Joseph Herndon. Beginning in December 1758 he was regularly designated Edward Herndon, the "Jr" being omitted. He was first elected a vestryman 17 February 1767. When the Vestry met 26 January 1768 at the home of Robert Farish, he was one of the six vestrymen who voted against sending a petition for division of the Parish to the next meeting of the Virginia General Assembly, the motion being lost, 6 to 6. Edward Herndon was then appointed church warden for the year. Later that year when the vestry met at the Long Ordinary in Fredericksburg, he was one of the five vestrymen appointed to agree with workmen for the building of a new church, 50 feet long by 26 feet wide, convenient to some spring and not more than a mile and a half from Burbridge's Bridge, and was also appointed to a committee which should award to the lowest bidder a contract for building an addition to the Pamunkey Chapel. It was decided that, after the splitting of the Parish, the name "St. George's" should be retained by the Mattanopy Church, it being the oldest or mother church. Edward Herndon, Gent., was mentioned as present as a vestryman at the meeting on 18 December 1769 at the home of Mr. Wm. Wood in Spotsylvania County. It seems likely that the changes in the Parish boundaries made it inconvenient or improper for Edward Herndon to continue to serve as a vestryman after 1769 for, by 1770, Berkeley Parish had been established and Edward Herndon's home was within its limits. At any rate his name no longer appeared as present at vestry meetings. If the Berkeley Parish register or vestry book were extant, it

¹ This Will is abstracted in *Crozier*, 25. The statement in IX VMHB 32 that Edward Herndon married Mary Colson is erroneous.

² These appointments were regularly made at the last meeting of the year, but for 1761 and 1765 they were deferred until the succeeding April.

would show whether Edward Herndon continued to serve as a vestryman of the new Parish. Reference will be made to the reappearance of his name as a vestryman in 1790.

He was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Foot 4 May 1756.³ The details of his service in the Colonial Forces are not known.

He served on the Spotsylvania Committee of Safety, 1775 and 1776, as did also his brothers John and Joseph. One reference thereto reads:⁴

The freeholders of the County of Spotsylvania being assembled for the purpose of choosing a committee, chose the following gentlemen, viz.; EDWARD HERNDON, JOSEPH HERNDON, Fielding Lewis, Joseph Brock, Mann Page, Jun., John Lewis, attorney, JOHN HERNDON, Beverley Buckner, Mann Page, John Craig, James Tutt, Thomas Colson, Charles Washington, Francis Thornton, William Parker, George Thornton, James Wiglesworth and Hugh Mercer.

Fredericksburgh, November 17, 1775 /s/ Alexander Dick, Clerk

He was commissioned Sheriff of Spotsylvania County 13 October 1778.⁵

He was enrolled as a member of the Spotsylvania County Militia in Captain Robert Chew's Company and in that capacity signed the petition of 14 November 1776 cited in Appendix A. His firm even penmanship on that document is the same as that found in certain books from his library now in the hands of his descendants.⁶ But he did not serve as a private. He had long since achieved his captaincy, though the date is not now of record. This soldier was designated Captain Edward Hern-don both in the Will of Daniel Branham, dated 7 January 1784,⁷ and in the Minutes of the Vestry of St. George's Parish 4 April 1790 when he was elected a vestryman and again 29 April 1791 when he resigned.

He entered claims to three tracts in Jefferson County, Ky., in the years 1780 and 1782, as follows:

1,500 acres on Little Kentucky: 9 May 1780
1,000 acres on 12-Mile Creek: 22 May 1780
7,023 acres on Brashears Creek: 23 December 1782

The first of these was granted to Edward Herndon by the State of Kentucky 6 November 1792, when the land was in Shelby County, and the second also by the State of Kentucky 1 August 1796, when the land

³ Spotsylvania County Court Order Book, 1755-65, quoted in Crozier, 517.

⁴ Peter Force: *American Archives, Fourth Series, Vol. III, 1570.*

⁵ Spotsylvania County Will Book E: 244, quoted in Crozier, 513.

⁶ Data furnished by Mrs. Robert G. (Martha Gilmore) Robinson, 26 Audubon Place, New Orleans, La.

⁷ This Will is abstracted in *Crozier*, 49.

was in Mason County. The last of these three was recorded as a Virginia Land Grant, surveyed for Edward Herndon 4 November 1783. Grants, such as this last one, were reserved for those who had served either in the French and Indian War or the Revolution.⁸ [It looks as if this enormous grant was made for French and Indian War Service. JGH]

Edward Herndon, describing himself as "of Spotsylvania County", conveyed 9 September 1796 to Lewis Craig of Mason County the original grant of 7,023 acres.⁹ Again calling himself "Edward Herndon, of Spotsylvania County", he entered into an agreement of sale for the other lands in what had been Shelby County, but the transaction had not been completed at the time of his death. Then these lands were in Henry County. He mentions these tracts in his Will. Significant aspects of the Henry County transactions are that he entered into a contract in September 1796 to convey to John White¹⁰

"1,500 acres of land on the waters of the Little Kentucky and granted to said Herndon. . . ."

and that John White, in order to perfect his title thereto, signed a power of attorney 27 January 1802, which is important as showing that Edward Herndon, of Spotsylvania, was then dead, thus positively identifying this particular Edward Herndon. It reads:¹¹

Whereas I became a purchaser of 1,500 acres of land of Edward Herndon lying on the waters of Drennin Lick Creek and Little Kentucky, deeded to me by Thomas Herndon, his attorney [also his son], on 10 September 1796 . . . I, John White, of Henry County, Kentucky, do nominate my trusty friend John Bartlett my lawful attorney to demand and receive of *the executors of* the said Edward Herndon the bond executed by me aforesaid and paid by me. [Italics not in the original.]

Edward Herndon, of Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania County, made his Will 5 August 1793 and added a codicil 4 March 1799.¹² In the completed document he made provision for his wife Mary and "all my children" of whom John, Edward, William, and Joseph Herndon were named, as well as his sons-in-law, James Lewis and Anthony Frazer. His lands especially mentioned were (1) an estate called DEWED HEADS which he had bought of James Frazer, (2) his plantation on Perry's Run, and (3)

⁸ See W. R. Jillson: *Old Kentucky Entries and Grants* for references to these and subsequently mentioned Kentucky Grants and Virginia Grants in Kentucky.

⁹ *Mason County Deed Book A-2*: 542.

¹⁰ *Henry County Deed Book L*: 42.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, 147.

¹² *Spotsylvania County Will Book F*: 90.

a grant to two tracts of land in Kentucky, to which reference has been made above.¹³

The amount realized from the sale of his personal property in a two-day auction held 12-13 December 1799 totaled £1,171 4s. 11d. Among the purchasers were his sons John, Edward, and Joseph Herndon, his sons-in-law Anthony and William Frazer, his brother Joseph Herndon, his cousin Booker Waller, and a nephew Thomas Duerson.

Children of Captain Edward Herndon and Mary Duerson:

- 178 JOHN HERNDON m JUDITH HAMPTON.
- 179 MARY HERNDON m JAMES LEWIS.
- 180 HANNAH HERNDON m ANTHONY FRAZER.
- 181 EDWARD HERNDON m MARY ELIZABETH SHARPE.
- 182 SARAH HERNDON m JAMES FRAZER.
- 183 THOMAS HERNDON m SUSANNAH BEVERLEY STUBBLEFIELD.
- 184 WILLIAM HERNDON m ISABELLA WHITELER.
- 185 PHILADELPHIA HERNDON m WILLIAM FRAZER.
- 186 JOSEPH HERNDON m LUCY DURESON.
- 187 LUCY GARNETT HERNDON m JOHN CHURCHILL GORDON.

#29 JOHN HERNDON [6 Edward] was born about 1732 in Spotsylvania County, Va., where he died in 1783. He married late in 1758 MARY LEWIS,¹ who died late in 1797. She was a daughter of William and Sarah Lewis.²

He is first mentioned in the records of Spotsylvania 2 August 1755 when he was commissioned ensign in Captain William Miller's Company of Foot. Three days later he took the necessary oath. On 11 March 1757 he was commissioned ensign in Captain Thomas Estes' Company of Foot. He was sworn in 5 April 1757.³

On 30 April 1757 he and his brother Edward witnessed a deed from Thomas and Mary Duerson to Stapleton. Thereafter he witnessed deeds, mortgages, leases, etc., to which relatives, friends, and neighbors were parties, the last such being dated 5 June 1780.⁴

¹³ *Spotsylvania County Will Book G:* 239.

¹ The statement in *HfV* 24 that she was Mary Foster is erroneous.

² She was also a sister of the James Lewis whom Captain John Herndon named an executor of his Will. For certain of these relationships see also Deed from James Lewis and Elizabeth, his wife, and Sarah Lewis, widow of William Lewis, to Jacob Whiteler, cited in *Crozier* 281.

³ *Crozier*, 516, 518.

⁴ All cited in *Crozier*.

This public-minded citizen had his first *civil* assignment 16 May 1757 when he was authorized by the Spotsylvania Court to build a bridge over the Po River at the place where the road crossed some planks that were commonly called Corbin's Bridge and to maintain and keep the bridge in repair for seven years after he had finished it. It was certified to the Court 1 November 1757 that the bridge had been completed 19 July 1757.

Succeeding his brother Joseph as a Collector of the Parish Levy 6 April 1762, John Herndon continued to serve in that capacity almost uninterruptedly until 1780, his last such appointment being 1 December 1779. His compensation was fixed at 6 percent of the collections made in currency and at 12 percent of those made in tobacco. In addition to the items relating to his collections in the Vestry Book of St. George's Parish, Volume II, the following from *Spotsylvania County Auditors Account Book*⁵ is mentioned:

JOHN HERNDON and John Holloday, Collectors of Taxes for Spotsylvania County March 1779 to Ball, Collector of Taxes, 1778 . . . £6431: 17:7.

He was appointed Clerk of the Vestry 26 June 1770 with salary fixed at 800 pounds of tobacco per annum which was increased to 1,000 pounds per annum beginning 11 November 1771. He served until 19 February 1779 when

William Wood resigned as Vestryman and [was] chosen Clerk of the Vestry, Capt. John Herndon, former clerk having resigned.

This is the first of many references herein noted to the subject of this sketch as Captain John Herndon.

In point of time the first such reference is contained in the following quotation from the "Proceedings of the Convention of Delegates held in the town of Richmond in the Colony of Virginia":⁶

Monday Dec. 18, 1775

A petition of John Chew, John Hews, and Ambrose Rains, was presented to the Convention, and read, setting forth that they had served under CAPTAIN JOHN HERNDON as Volunteers to Williamsburg in August last, and were on their return home taken ill and obliged to employ a Doctor, at an expence to [o] heavy for them to bear, that as this expense was incurred while they were employed in the service of their country, they hope this Convention will order the same to be repaid them.

/s/ F. H. Moore

⁵ In the State Library, Division of Archives, Richmond.

⁶ Ref. No. R. C. 1775, Dec., 68, Archives, Richmond.

Whether this service was Colonial or was Revolutionary has not been settled by the authorities at the Archives Division, State Library, Richmond. Note the citation to Richmond in the *Colony of Virginia*. The date when John Herndon received his commission as Captain is not of record.⁷ All that can be stated with certainty is, therefore, that it was prior to August 1775.

He served as a member of the Committee of Safety for Spotsylvania, as did also his brothers Edward and Joseph Herndon in 1775 and 1776, as shown in the preceding sketch.⁷

Chronologically, he is next mentioned as Captain John Herndon in the interesting petition dated 14 November 1776 copied below which was apparently penned by him who was its first signer. It was originally addressed "To the Honourable the President and Gentlemen of the Convention" and asked that "an ordinance my pass", but events were then moving so swiftly that the form of address and the reference to an ordinance were changed in the corrected draft which reads as follows:⁸

To the Honourable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates The Petition of sundry Freeholders and others Inhabitants of Spotsylvania County, Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners Labour under a very great hardship in being obliged to travel, some Twenty odd and others thirty Miles to attend General Musters, which are constantly appointed at the Courthouse in Fredericksburg, Situate in one Side of the County. We therefore pray that an Act of Assembly may pass, Directing that General Musters for the future be appointed at, or near the Center of the County and your Petitioners shall pray, etc.

This petition was similar to but not identical with six others from the officers and men of six other Spotsylvania Militia Companies, all bearing the same date and endorsed "Capt. Herndon", Capt. Chew", Capt. Tutt", etc.

For the details of one of CAPTAIN JOHN HERNDON's military assignments we are indebted to EDWARD ELLEY, a cousin of his and a member of his company who signed the petition above quoted. From him we learn the names of the officers in his company and certain of the men serving under him.⁹

There are numerous references to John Herndon as jailer, sub-sheriff, and deputy sheriff between 1769 and 1778. The following extract from the Virginia Gazette of 16 May 1777 is illustrative of some of his duties:

⁷ *Supra* 60.

⁸ Elaborated upon in Appendix A, beginning on page 118.

⁹ These included Lt. James Cunningham, Ens. Francis Thornton, Sgt. Hezekiah Ellis, and Privates Samuel Williams, James Williams, Benjamin Snead, Gowing Moore, Shadrack Moore, and Joseph Collins. For details, see Part Nine, under Edward Elley.

ADVERTISEMENT: May 5, 1777. Now in Spotsylvania Jail two negroes committed as runaways, viz. Martin, an old man, and Betty, a middle-aged woman who say they belong to Mr. Frederic Wells, of Albemarle Co.

/s/ JOHN HERNDON, Jailer

A similar item appeared in the next issue of the Gazette, 23 May 1777, while the issues of 4 and 18 July 1777 contained announcements about runaway slaves signed by John Herndon as sub-sheriff. Because of his position as deputy sheriff he was ordered 21 May 1778 "to collect money for public exigencies" and 16 July 1778 to collect dues and taxes.

He was on the bond of several persons who served as executors or administrators of estates at various dates between 2 April 1764 and 16 April 1772 and served as appraiser of the estates of his friends, Wm. Ellis, George Frazer, Anthony Foster, and Abraham Simpson.¹⁰

In the belief that the story of his own real estate transactions may prove interesting it is presented here. Before his marriage he took a "flier" whereby he made a £5 profit on buying 416 acres on Beaverdam Run from Gawin and Hannah Corbin and selling them to Abraham Simons. That was in 1758. His second land holding was 264 acres purchased 4 February 1760 for £30 from his brother Edward, which he sold 5 May 1765 to John Foster for £65. John Herndon's wife Mary joined with him in that conveyance. After some eight years the Fosters resold this tract to John Herndon. Two years later John and Mary Herndon resold it to Thomas May. Later on Thomas May reconveyed it to John Herndon by a deed which is unrecorded, but the fact of its reconveyance is known because in 1782 these acres were taxed to John Herndon and in 1783 to his estate.

After 1770 John and Mary's home plantation consisted of 635 acres bought from William and Ann Fitzhugh, of Stafford County. After nearly 10 years, 3 January 1780, "John Herndon, of Spotsylvania, Gent., and Mary his wife" deeded 292 of these acres to John Wiglesworth. This property was on the Massaponax and adjoined Galloway's, James Cunningham's, and John Wiglesworth's other lands by the Mountain Road. Witnesses to this deed were John Chew, Samuel Todd, and James Jarvis; but the deed itself was not then presented for recordation, and the relinquishment by Mary Herndon of her dower rights was not made until 30 May 1788 (nearly five years after her husband's death), and proved in court 3 June 1788.

But long before the sale just mentioned was made, John Herndon had leased 16 May 1771 to Joseph and Mary Scrogan 100 acres at an annual rental of £4 payable each succeeding Christmas Day during their natural

¹⁰ All mentioned in *Crozier*.

lives. On 11 January 1781 John and Mary Herndon sold this tract and the adjoining 35 acres to Thomas Jennings for £1000.

The final sale was of 108 acres 29 November 1782 to Samuel Roddy, of Fredericksburg. The record says that John Herndon sold this property to John Wiglesworth, but that no deed passed; and that Wiglesworth sold it to James Jarvis who, in turn, sold it to Samuel Roddy.

Having sold first 292 acres, then 135, then 108, there remained to John Herndon only 100 acres out of the original tract of 635. On these 100 he was taxed in 1782 and his estate included them the next year.

In addition to ownership of the lands above mentioned, John Herndon was the lessee of two other properties. The first lease, signed 4 September 1764, was to run five years at an annual rental of £5. Phebe Julian, of Fredericksburg, leased to John Herndon 30 acres on the north side of the main road from Fredericksburg to Germanna, with the house lately built by Charles Julian, decd., and land on the south side of the road which was next to the properties of Charles Colson and John Roan. She agreed to cause to be dug a main cellar and to be built a smokehouse, stable and garden, to cover and repair the kitchen and cellar shed, and to sink a well on the south side of the road convenient to the dwelling house. John Herndon agreed to keep the house in "tenable repair, fire and tempest excepted."

The second lease was from John and Mary Campbell and Alexander Spotswood, dated 22 April 1774, to John Herndon "for and during the natural lives of said John and Mary his wife and Mary Herndon their daughter, and the longest liver of them."¹¹ The property leased was 150 acres begining on Mountain or Motts Run on the old Mine Road and abutting on Lick Branch. This lease is of particular interest because of the mention of Mary Herndon daughter of the lessees. It was the custom, as observed in this case, to name as a third lessee the youngest child of a couple to whom a property was being leased. So Mary's birth is thus established as prior to 22 April 1774 and she is accordingly assumed to be their youngest child then living. [A similar lease dated 15 September 1772 had been entered into between the same Alexander Spotswood and Thomas Ficklin "during the natural lives of the sd. Ficklin, his wife Mary, and his son Jno. Herndon [Ficklin]" etc. The above-mentioned Mary Ficklin was a daughter of John Herndon [#16], who died testate in King George County, Va.]

Captain John Herndon was listed in the enumeration of slaveholders of Spotsylvania County in 1783 as owning 11, his brother Edward as

¹¹ Cited in an abbreviated form in *Crozier*, 311.

owning 36, and his brother Joseph as owning 29 slaves.¹² His death occurred between 29 November 1782, when he was last a grantor of real estate, and 20 November 1783 when the executors of his Will qualified. His Will reads as follows: ¹³

In the name of God, Amen. I JOHN HERNDON of the parish of Saint George's in the county of Spotsylvania, being of sound and perfect memory, do make this my last will and testament in manner following.

First. I direct and order that all my Just Debts and funeral expences be fully paid and satisfied, and the better to enable my Executors (hereafter named) to Comply with the same, I do hereby Impower them to sell and Dispose of any part of my Estate, Real or personal, that they in their discretion shall Judge most proper and Least distressing to my family.

Item. I lend to my beloved wife MARY HERNDON during her natural life all the remainder of my estate of every Kind whatsoever for her support and Maintenance and Education of my Children at her Discretion and at her death the whole of my estate then remaining boath real and personal to be sold and the money arising by such sale to be equally divided amongst all my children the Liveing and the Legatees or representatives of any of those who Marry or die before such division, and Leaveing Lawful Issue. Provided nevertheless that if my said wife should Marry I order that the sale and Division of my Estate (as above directed) shall then take place and that she, my said wife, shall have an equal share with my said children in the said division, and the part so allotted to her by the said Division to be at her own disposal.

And lastly. I do appoint my brothers EDWARD and JOSEPH HERNDON, my friend JAMES LEWIS, and my sons JOSEPH and JOHN HERNDON Executors of this my Last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of May 1782.

Sealed and published and
acknowledged in the
presence of THOMAS ALLEN
JOSI PH FOX
ROBT CUNNINGHAM

/s/ JOHN HERNDON

On 20 November 1783 his brother Edward Herndon and James Lewis qualified as executors, and Joseph Brock became their security on their bond for £2,000. The estate inventory was filed 5 January 1784 and listed 23 negroes valued at £1,225 0s. 6d., and personalty of £821 7s 9d.

The chief concern of the executors was, however, to look out for the best interests of the children referred to in the Will. This they did by careful consideration of opportunities not only to sell real estate belonging to the estate but to buy real estate for it. As already mentioned, the

¹² 4 VMHB 293, 294.

¹³ Spotsylvania County Will Book E: 557.

lands owned by Captain John Herndon at his death consisted of 364 acres. These were appraised at 12/4d per acre for a total valuation of £224 9s. 4d., the tax on which in 1783 was £3 7s. 4d. His executors were assessed taxes on those acres through 1788.

On 10 October 1787 they purchased from Wharton and Margaret Schooler a tract of 120½ acres "in trust for the widow and orphans of the said John Herndon as by articles in his will," and on June 3, 1788 from John and Philadelphia Wiglesworth 20 more acres. In 1784 the executors sold the former Schooler tract to Jonathan Carpenter and the entire remaining real property of the estate to Reverend James Stevenson, Mary Herndon, the widow, joining in the conveyance. To effect these and certain other sales the following advertisement had been placed in the *Virginia Herald* of 12 May 1791:

JAMES LEWIS offers for sale tract of land, 319 acres, eight miles from Fredericksburg, belonging to the estate of CAPTAIN JOHN HERNDON, decd. Land easily tilled, produces good grain.

20 acres of flat land for good grain, fine timbered and well watered.

Also tract of land 600 acres, 16 miles from Fredericksburg, known as Catlan March, well watered, well situated. Some valuable pine on it. Good grain land. Marsh contains about 30 acres of rich mud easily reclaimed land. Also tract of 300 acres adjoining land of Mrs. Herndon in the neighborhood of Mr. Gatewood's tavern "Hartzland" good for tobacco, large well and good for stock.

Also "Halfway Bottom" with 200 acres land annexed. This is well known and is between Gatewood's tavern and "The Wilderness". Excellent spring on land and very convenient to reach which would render it a good public house; lays well, good timber, good grain land, also few valuable slaves for sale.

James Gillis offers 269½ acres of land adjacent to that of Mr. JOHN HERNDON, decd. Apply to JAMES LEWIS.

On 2 January 1798 the Spotsylvania Court adopted the following minutes:¹⁴

JOHN HERNDON, JR. son of MARY HERNDON dec'd came into court and relinquished administration of the said decedents estate. Whereupon on the motion of EDWARD HERNDON, son of Joseph [31], who made oath, and together with JOHN M. HERNDON, his security, entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of \$2,500 conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of the decedent in due form.

Ordered, that John Herndon, James Lewis, John McWhirt and Benjamin Edge, or any three of them being first sworn before a magistrate of this County do appraise in current money the slaves, if any, and personal property of Mary Herndon dec'd and return the appraisement to the next Court.

¹⁴ *Spotsylvania County Order Book, 1795-1799*: 391.

The exact date of the death of Mary (Lewis) Herndon is not known, but it probably occurred in December 1797. James Lewis did not serve as appraiser under the order above quoted, but the other three persons there named did so and brought in their inventory eight days later, showing a valuation of £300 9s. for the four slaves and personality.

It is unfortunate that no record of the distribution of this estate among the children of Captain John and Mary (Lewis) Herndon has been found in the records at Spotsylvania Courthouse. Their names are, however, known from other sources. The father mentioned John and Joseph, his sons, in his Will. Elizabeth (Herndon) Battaley, in her will, left a bequest to her niece "Sarah Herndon, daughter of my brother John." In the lease from John and Mary Campbell and Alexander Spotswood previously cited, Mary Herndon, daughter of John and Mary Herndon was named. Anne, called Nancy, born in 1775, was identified by Miss Lucy Herndon, of Fredericksburg, long an authority on Spotsylvania County Herndons, who wrote to Mrs. R. W. Shultice, in part as follows:¹⁵

I know [that] my grandfather Dabney [Herndon] had a first cousin, a Miss Ann Herndon, who married a Stringfellow, whose daughter married a Hall.

As Dabney was a son of Joseph Herndon, brother to John and Edward, and since names of all of Edward Herndon's children are known, and Anne or Nancy who married a Stringfellow was not one of them, it follows that she was a daughter of the other brother, John. The identification of Anne or Nancy as a sister of Mary who married Benjamin A. Pritchett is made in other papers in the Stringfellow-Pritchett records which will appear under their separate names in the subsequent generations.

Children of Captain John Herndon and Mary Lewis:

188 JOHN HERNDON m MARY ——.

189 JOSEPH HERNDON, mentioned in the Will of his father, but no record of him when his father's estate was settled.

190 SARAH HERNDON, unmarried 1788, when mentioned in the Will of her aunt, Elizabeth Battaley.

191 MARY HERNDON m BENJAMIN A. PRITCHETT.

192 ANNE HERNDON m ROBERT STRINGFELLOW.

¹⁵ Undated letter from Mrs. Shultice to Mrs. Alexander Phillips, then of 1420 Hopkins Place, Washington, D. C., quotes this.

#30 ELIZABETH HERNDON [6 Edward] was born about 1735 in Spotsylvania County, Va. She married JOHN BATTALEY, one of the sons of Moseley Battaley (died testate 1758).

John Battaley was appointed 7 December 1751 a collector of the Parish levy along with Edward Herndon, Jr., "they having entered into bond with Moseley Battaley and Edward Herndon, Gent., their securities." In 1755 when he was of Culpeper County he sold for £5 a negro woman to Mary Herndon, wife of his brother-in-law Edward Herndon. Ten years later when he purchased a lot in Fredericksburg the deed named him "John Battaley of Spotsylvania County, Gent." He died testate in 1770. In his Will he made provision for his wife Elizabeth; left bequests to his sister Elizabeth Battaley and his brother Samuel Battaley; and named his three brothers-in-law, Edward, John, and Joseph Herndon executors.

Elizabeth (Herndon) Battaley died testate also. Her Will, dated 1 November 1788, left bequests to three of her nephews and one niece: Edward, son of Edward Herndon; her godson Peter, son of Joseph Herndon; Edward, son of Joseph Herndon; and Sarah, daughter of John Herndon. Witnesses included, among others, her nephews John Minor Herndon [son of Joseph] and John Herndon, Jr., [son of John]. Her brother Edward was named executor.

John Battaley and his wife Elizabeth Herndon had no issue.

#31 JOSEPH HERNDON [6 Edward] was born 1 May 1737 and died 28 October 1810. His estate "Mattapony" was located six miles southeast of Fredericksburg. He married first 15 September 1757 PHILADELPHIA FOSTER (b 12 July 1736; d 23 November 1764). He married secondly 15 August 1765 MARY MINOR (b 7 March 1741; d 26 October 1822), daughter of John Minor and his wife Sarah Carr.

The following is quoted from the sketch of Joseph Herndon written by his great-great-grandson, Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon, which appeared in 11 VMHB 99: ¹

He also took much interest in national affairs, as evidenced by the fact that he attended the meeting of citizens of Spots. on June 1, 1774 to take action in regard to the Boston Port Bill. An adjourned meeting was held on June 24th, when reso-

¹ It is the compiler's understanding that Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon, now of Charlottesville, is preparing for presentation to the Alderman Library, University of Virginia, a detailed study of the descendants of his ancestor, this Joseph Herndon.

lutions were adopted declaring: that "acts of the British Parliament are unconstitutional, arbitrary and unjust," and "calculated for the destruction of the rights of America; that the levies of Parliament are the free gift of the people, granted by their representatives;" that the British Parliament can have no power of making laws for the government of the colonies, as they have one of their own;" [that they acknowledged?] their allegiance to the Crown but [declared that] they owed no obedience to any act of the British Parliament respecting the internal policies of the colonies; that the acts of the British Parliament in regard to the Province of Massachusetts and the Port of Boston are unconstitutional, and that the duty on tea is against the rights and liberties of America and ought to be opposed by the people; and, that the best method of opposing the said acts will be to break off all *commercial* [italics mine] connection with Great Britain until they are repealed.

Less than a year later another meeting of citizens was held, on April 28, 1775, when the famous Fredericksburg Resolutions were adopted, Joseph Herndon being one of the signers. These resolutions, drafted by Peyton Randolph and Edmund Pendleton, were adopted more than a year before the Declaration of Independence was conceived, and embodied the principles which were later incorporated in that historic document. The signers bound themselves "to resist to the death all attempts against their rights from whatsoever quarter they might be assailed," and pledged themselves "to be in readiness at a moment's warning to re-assemble, and, by force of arms, to defend the laws, the liberties, and the rights of this or any sister colony from unjust and wicked invasion," and concluded with the inspiring appeal: "God save the liberties of America."

Before adjourning these patriotic citizens subscribed money to arm, equip and maintain twelve companies of horse, which marched, under the command of Patrick Henry, against Lord Dunmore at his capital. . . .

On Nov. 17, 1775, he, and his brothers John and Edward, were elected members of the Committee of Safety for Spots. Co. . . .

Just as the record of the commissioning of his brothers Edward and John to be captains is lost, but ample proof of their service as such is available and has been cited in the two preceding sketches, so it seems equally certain that Joseph Herndon held the rank of first lieutenant in the Company of Spotsylvania Militia commanded by Captain Craig.² There is, however, no proof of his having served in any military campaign. The record of his active services during the Revolution is substantial. The following items, additional to his membership on the Committee of Safety,³ vital as that was, are cited:

Among *The Spotsylvania County Public Claims* we read:

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County for the special purpose of adjusting Claims for property impressed or taken for Public Service the 22nd Apr. 1782 Agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed last Session:

Certificate granted James Tutt, Thos. Towles, and JOSEPH HERNDON Commissioners 27 Sept. 1780 p. 14, Entry #124

² His name heads the petition signed by officers and men of Capt. Craig's Company.

³ See references thereto in the sketches of his brothers Capt. Edward and Capt. John Herndon.

Certificate granted by JOSEPH HERNDON, Comr. to Thos. Minor, 18 Oct. 1780
p. 1, Entry #15

Certificate to JOSEPH HERNDON 21 Sept. for 325 lbs. Beef at 2d . . . £2: 14: 2
p. 11, Entry #8

James Tutt, Thos. Towles and JOSEPH HERNDON, Commrs. Issue Certificate to
John Banks 1 Aug 1780 p. 29, Entry #311

Among the loose papers in the Folder of Spotsylvania Claims in the
Virginia State Library is the JOSEPH HERNDON account which contains
the following entries:

July 22, 1782	Carting bacon to Fredericksburg	£0: 5: 0
July 25, 1782	Carting [a] load [of] wheat	£0: 12: 6
July 27, 1782	Carting rye and wheat	£0: 10: 0
July 21, 1782	Carting a load [of] corn	£0: 12: 6
Aug. 2, 1782	Carting [a] load [of] corn	£0: 12: 6
Aug. 6, 1782	Carting a load [of] oats	£0: 12: 6
Aug. 6, 1782	Cash paid Davenport	£5: 5: 11
Sept. 19, 1782	Carting 20 bushels [of] oats	£0: 7: 6
Nov. 15, 1782	Carting remainder Oats and wheat	£0: 10: 0
	By 2 bushels dirty corn at Granary	£0: 3: 0
	Balance due the Commonwealth by my return May 15, 1782	£9: 8: 6

Errors excepted by Joseph Herndon

EDWARD HERNDON took oath of JOSEPH HERNDON to the above
account 11 July 1789 /s/ EDWARD HERNDON

On 21 February 1782 the bond of JOSEPH HERNDON (with Henry Bartlet as his security) on his appointment as "Commissioner . . . for laying Taxes in certain enumerated Commodities" was executed.

In the 1782 Book of Claims for Tobacco, Hemp, Flour, Cash, Cash for Land, Spotsylvania County, (arranged alphabetically) is the following entry:

JOSEPH HERNDON 1267 lbs. tob. £1: 12: 0

The Will of Joseph Herndon was dated 24 June 1803 and recorded
7 January 1811.⁴ Therein he mentions his six living children and his
wife; names his sons EDWARD HERNDON and JOHN MINOR HERNDON
executors of his Will.

⁴ Spotsylvania County Will Book H: 31.

Children of Joseph Herndon and Philadelphia Foster:

- 193 ELIZABETH HERNDON m WILLIAM CRUTCHFIELD.
- 194 EDWARD HERNDON m MARGARET WHITELER.
- 194a ROBERT HERNDON (b 25 November 1763; d 15 February 1777).

Children of Joseph Herndon and Mary Minor:

- 195 SARAH HERNDON (b 2 July 1766; d 20 November 1784) m CAPTAIN WILLIAM LEWIS.
- 196 JOHN MINOR HERNDON (b 28 February 1768; d 12 January 1829); a distinguished lawyer of Spotsylvania and later of Louisa County; unm.
- 197 MARY HERNDON m JOHN CARTER.
- 198 JOSEPH HERNDON (b 9 June 1772, died young).
- 199 WILLIAM HERNDON m MARY ANN ELLIS.
- 200 PETER HERNDON (b 6 March 1777; d October 1793).
- 201 LUCY HERNDON m DABNEY MINOR.
- 202 REUBEN HERNDON (b 2 December 1781, d 18 October 1792).
- 203 DABNEY HERNDON m ELIZABETH HULL.

FIFTH GENERATION

#178 JOHN HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 16 January 1756 in Spotsylvania County, Va.

While residing there he was appointed 26 September 1777 assistant commissary to William Green Munford, then deputy commissary general. He served as quartermaster for a while thereafter and later for two years as assistant deputy commissary general and assistant quartermaster general of the Southern Department of the Virginia Line.¹ As his official duties took him to many counties, it is not surprising that we find references to him as quartermaster in *Public Claims of Hanover County*.² The following item is typical of many others of a similar nature concerning him in the Adjutant General's Office, The National Archives, Washington, D. C.:³

Commissioners Office Q M Dept Sept 11 1786
Wm. Finnie Dr. to Sundries in Old Emissions
To Certificates issued by the Quartermasters:
The amount of certificates issued by himself and
assistants as per Returns rendered:

By JOHN HERNDON £103,363 3s. 7d.

He also furnished supplies for the use of the Army. Payments of the claims in connection therewith were approved 22 April 1783 as shown in *Spotsylvania County Public Claims*, 16, 32:

8 November 1781 ½ cord of wood 6 shillings allowed [Entry #168]
10 April 1781 one Sorrell purchased for Continental use, £30 [Entry #331]

JOHN HERNDON married in Frederick County, Va., 11 December 1783 JUDITH HAMPTON (b July 1767: d 18 July 1853), daughter of Philip and Hannah (Hammond) Hampton.⁴

In 1845 his widow JUDITH HERNDON applied for a pension on account of her husband's Revolutionary War services. It was granted, first at the rate of \$480 per annum and later increased to \$600 per annum. From that Pension File⁵ the following additional family items are abstracted:

¹ Burgess, Vol. II: 899-900, and Gwathmey, 372.

² Opus cit., 7, 46.

³ 101 Account Book for 1777-89: 61.

⁴ See 9 VMHB 320 which gives some additional information concerning him.

⁵ W-#8, 925.

Edward H. Herndon made affidavit 17 November 1845 that he was a son of John Herndon and Judith Hampton who were married 11 December 1783 in Frederick County, Va.; that they migrated in 1811⁸ from Virginia to Scott County, Kentucky, where his father John Herndon died 13 February 1811; and that his mother's present place of residence was in Lexington, Ky., while his own was in Mason County, Ky.

Jane Kercheval, of Mason County, Ky., swore that she was present at the marriage of John Herndon and Judith Hampton.

William Frazer subscribed his name 19 June 1846 to the following affidavit:

That he was born in Spotsylvania County, Va., in 1796 or 1797; that John Herndon and his wife Judith Herndon resided in the same state and county and neighborhood; that the above John Herndon and the mother of this affiant being brother and sister an intimacy and friendly appreciation [sic] was kept up between the families from the earliest recollection of this affiant. That John Herndon with his said wife Judith and Family in company with the father and family of this affiant moved from the State of Virginia to this county in the year 1810 and this affiant states that John Herndon and his wife Judith lived together as man and wife from his earliest recollection and had three or four children. . . . that his eldest son Charles C. Herndon from his size and habits and other personal evidences of manhood must have been at least ten years older than this affiant, the successive births being Sally, E. H. and Mary Herndon, all older than this affiant. That John Herndon died in Scott County, Ky., in 1812 or 1813 and that Judith Herndon, his widow, had never [since] married, is now old, and lives in Lexington, Ky.

On the same day he wrote a letter, reading:

There is an old gentleman in Lexington [who] can prove all you may desire in relation to the service in the Revolutionary War and marriage of John Herndon. He knows all about him, is a relative and came from the same place, he is William Duerson—enquire of friend Clark the carriage maker as to his whereabouts.

Respectfully yours,
/s/ Wm. Frazer.

William Duerson, in his affidavit dated 1 July 1846, swore that he was aged about 77 years last October; that he was born 30 October 1768; that he was not present at the marriage of John Herndon and Judith but that he was present at the home of Edward Herndon (who was his [William Duerson's] uncle) when the said John Herndon returned to his father's home with his wife, the said Judith; and that he understood that the marriage took place in the County of Frederick in Virginia in December 1783.

A letter written by Beverly A. Hicks, dated 5 October 1853, Lexington, Ky., reads in parts as follows:

The arrears of pension due Judith Herndon (my wife's mother) at her death are payable to her surviving children and cannot pass "under the Will. . . . They . . . were Edward H. Herndon of Mason County, my wife Mary C. Hicks, and Hannah B. Biggs, wife of Joseph Biggs of Lexington. . . . Judith Herndon died 18 July 1853.

⁸ He was in error here; 1810 was correct.

Papers in this file show that JOHN HERNDON served under William Green Munford, Deputy Commissary General, and that JOHN HERNDON was correctly called Assistant Deputy Quartermaster General.

A letter of 6 November 1792 is of interest, for it contains the following sentences:⁷

Your old friend Captain John Herndon has a fine son just a month old today. They call him Edward Hampton.

Before John and Judith Herndon left Virginia they disposed of all their property there. As she had inherited certain acres from her uncle Thomas Colson under his Will as life tenant with her children sharing as remaindermen, they being all under 21 years of age, and as she and her husband entered in an exchange of this property with their friend John Long for land he possessed, they had to petition the Legislature for the passage of an act to perfect their right to enter into such an arrangement.⁸ Eleven years earlier Thomas Colson had begun the transfer of much of his property to John and Judith Herndon.⁹

They left Virginia late in 1810, but arrived in Clark County, Ky., early enough for him to be enumerated in the Census of that year and to be noted as a Revolutionary soldier, having 6 persons in his family. That same census shows also William Frazer his brother-in-law as Revolutionary soldier. These two men and their families soon moved on to Scott and Fayette Counties, respectively, where they spent the rest of their days.

The following notice of the death of Mrs. Herndon appeared in the *Lexington Observer-Reporter*:¹⁰

Mrs. Judith Herndon, relict of John Herndon, emigrated from Spotsylvania Co., Va., to Kentucky in Dec. 1810. Died at the residence of Joseph Biggs, 18 July 1853, aged 86 years.

Her body was buried in the Old 3d Street Cemetery, Lexington. There the inscription on her tombstone reads:¹¹

Mrs. Judith Herndon/died July 18, 1853/aged 85 years/
Through all the changing scenes of life
Her part she acted well

⁷ 12 VMHB 436.

⁸ Legislative Petition: Spotsylvania County, 18 December 1805.

⁹ Crozier, 470.

¹⁰ 41 Kentucky Register 161.

¹¹ 23 Kentucky Register 102.

The mother, mistress, and the wife
Surviving friends can tell.

Children of John Herndon and Judith Hampton:

764 CHARLES COLSON HERNDON, b 2 June 1787; d 17 May 1813, unm.

765 SARAH HERNDON, b 27 November 1789; d 23 April 1816, unm.

765 EDWARD HAMPTON HERNDON (b 9 October 1792, Spotsylvania County, Va.; d 30 July 1870 near Mays Lick, Ky.) m in Fayette Co., Ky., 3 April 1817 NANCY McDOWELL GILLESPIE (b 18 September 1799; d 10 July 1872). He is mentioned in certain realty transactions in Fayette Co., 1821-1825;¹² was on the bond for the marriage of his sister HANNAH BROCK HERNDON and JOSEPH BIGGS. On 11 February 1840 he purchased from the heirs of Simeon West 2 lots in Mays Lick and the tavern thereon.¹³ A newspaper item appearing shortly after his death reads thus:

"Edward H. Herndon, the veteran landlord and lifelong village postmaster, died near the town of Mayslick on July 30, 1870, aged 77 years. He was an old Virginian by birth and was one of the few men who knew how to keep a hotel. He lived respected by all who knew him, and died without an enemy."

Issue, three sons: ¹⁴

(1) Charles Colson Herndon (b 2 January 1818; d 5 October 1838) unm.

(2) Joseph Herndon (b 11 November 1825; d 3 December 1830).

(3) John Beverly Herndon (b 2 February 1830; d 13 June 1894), executor of his father's estate;¹⁵ well known newspaper editor;¹⁶ m at Desha Glen, Mason Co., Ky., 16 August 1853 Mary Forman (b 7 September 1831, d 19 August 1881), daughter of William S. Forman; issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.

766 MARY COLSON HERNDON (b 13 January 1796, Rockbridge County, Va.; d 1867, Owensboro, Ky.) m in Clark County, Ky., 15 February 1816 BEVERLEY ALSOP HICKS (b September 1794 in Spotsylvania County, Va.; d 1870, Owensboro, Ky.), son of Thomas Hicks and his wife Lucy Alsop. Beverley and Mary Hicks had issue, all born in Fayette Co., Ky.:

(1) Mary Eliza Hicks (1817-1863) m first 28 October 1834 Reuben Herndon, son of Jacob Whiteler Herndon and Mary Pannill, and had issue, 1 son and 1 daughter; it seems clear that she and Reuben Herndon were divorced between 1845 and 1850;¹⁷ in 1853 she wrote "Dear Louise",¹⁸ a family novel, one of whose themes was the stigma then at-

¹² *Fayette County Deed Book U: 276, V: 235, 334.*

¹³ *Mason County Deed Book 48: 345.*

¹⁴ 9 VMHB 320-321.

¹⁵ *Mason County Will Book W: 96.*

¹⁶ *Collins History of Kentucky, Vol. II, p. 562.*

¹⁷ He died in Decatur, Ga., 1897; he lived with their two children in 1850 in Warren County, Ky.

¹⁸ Published by Lippincott, Grambo and Co., Philadelphia, 1853. The dedication was to "Hon. Jefferson Davis of Mississippi, Secretary of War, one of the true friends of the Union of the States."

tached to divorce and the remarriage of a divorcee; she married secondly in Fayette County, Ky., 3 April 1858 George Lunsford Childs, and had no issue.

- (2) Martha Blanton Hicks (1820-1842) m 20 February 1838 William Ellis; issue, 1 daughter.
- (3) Edward Herndon Hicks (1822-1885) m Lizzie Stowers; issue, 4 sons and 1 daughter.
- (4) Alexander Campbell Hicks (1824-1892) m Martha Ewing; issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.
- (5) Ellen Colson Hicks (1827-1852) m, as his second wife, William Ellis, whose first wife was her sister, Martha Blanton Hicks, and had 2 sons and 1 daughter.
- (6) Jane Herndon Hicks (b 1829) m 1850 Dr. David F. Todd (b 15 November 1809; d 7 September 1878); had 6 sons and 1 daughter.
- (7) Lucy Isabel Hicks (1832-1893) m 15 November 1854 Edward C. Carter; had 3 sons and 2 daughters.
- (8) Charles Beverley Hicks (b 1835) m first 1855 Mary Dudley Flint; had 1 daughter; m secondly 14 July 1869 Annie Mathis, and had issue, 3 sons and 2 daughters.
- (9) Evalina Augusta Hicks (1839-1864) m 13 October 1857 Charles Edward Erwin (b 2 November 1835, Lexington, Ky.; d 6 February 1860 at the home of B. A. Hicks, his father-in-law, which adjoined "Ashland"), son of James Erwin and his wife whom he married 21 October 1823 Anne Brown Clay (b 15 April 1807; d November 1835), daughter of Honorable Henry Clay and Lucretia Hart; had issue, one son.¹⁹

767 PATRICK HENRY HERNDON (b March 1802; d 6 March 1836, defending the Alamo) m in Fayette County, Ky., 1 November 1824 PAMELIA SMITH (d 5 February 1825), daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Smith; no issue.

768 ELIZABETH GORDON HERNDON (b 14 March 1805; d 11 February 1845, Lexington, Ky.) m in Bourbon County, Ky., 24 October 1827 her second cousin AUGUSTUS GAINES HERNDON (1801-1868), son of John Herndon and his wife Mary ——. Augustus and Elizabeth Herndon had issue:

- (1) Mary Ann Herndon m William Smith; issue.

769 HANNAH BROCK²⁰ HERNDON (b 10 May 1809) m in Paris, Ky., 19 May 1831, as his second wife JOSEPH BIGGS (b 20 November 1799, Fredericksburg, Va.) of Lexington, Ky., who had first m 19 December 1822 ELIZABETH BRIDGES. Joseph and Hannah Biggs had issue:

- (1) Joseph Biggs (1832-1849) unm.
- (2) Rebecca Biggs (1834-1889) m E. W. Holloway (d 23 February 1889), dsp.
- (3) Mary Eliza Biggs (1836-1839).
- (4) Edward Herndon Biggs (b 26 June 1838; d 13 May 1890) m 23 January 1862 Teresa Ryan; issue, 2 sons.
- (5) Laura Biggs (b 13 January 1844) m 29 January 1867 Edward S. Reynolds; issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.
- (6) Charles Biggs (1845-1846).

¹⁹ For continuation see 3 *Filson Club Publications* 115.

²⁰ Given as "Hammond" in 10 VMHB 322.

#179 MARY HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 1758. She married JAMES LEWIS, who was born in Lunenburg County, Va., 28 August 1755. They had issue:

770 JAMES LEWIS, b Lunenburg County, 1778, m PAMELA HEATH.

#180 HANNAH HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 22 November 1760 and died 3 February 1824. She married 13 April 1780 ANTHONY FRAZER (b 22 March 1754; d 4 March 1804), eldest son of James Frazer and his wife Elizabeth Foster, daughter of Anthony Foster, of Spotsylvania County, and his wife Martha, probably Martha Taliaferro. James Frazer was a son of William Frazer, of Scotland, who was in Spotsylvania by 1724, and his wife Frances —.

ANTHONY FRAZER was commissioned Ensign in the First Virginia State Regiment 1 March 1777, and promoted to a Second Lieutenancy 29 May 1777. He served in the Battles of Germantown and Monmouth, and resigned 12 February 1778.¹

Anthony Frazer died testate. His Will was dated 16 February 1804 and probated 1 May 1804.² Therein he provided for his wife Hannah and his children but did not name them. He designated his brother William Frazer and his brother-in-law Joseph Herndon, Jr. [son of Edward] to be executors. Their bond was fixed at \$15,000. Reuben Frazer and Stapleton Crutchfield were their sureties.³

Children of Anthony Frazer and Hannah Herndon: ⁴

771 MARY LEWIS FRAZER, b 15 March 1781, d 22 March 1786.

772 JAMES FRAZER (b 7 June 1783, Spotsylvania County, Va.; d testate 11 February 1854, Greenbrier County, then Va., now W. Va.), the well-known early hotel proprietor of Lewisburg, married his first cousin ELIZABETH FRAZER (b 2 May 1787, d 14 December 1846), eldest daughter of Sergeant James Frazer and his second wife Sarah Kenyon Thomas. James and Eliza-

¹ Heitman, 236, and Gwathmey, 288.

² Spotsylvania County Will Book G: 3.

³ Ibid., 4.

⁴ Nearly all of the information concerning the descendants of this couple was furnished to the compiler and to Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon by Mrs. Hulda Frazer Coleman when they called at her home in Lahore, Va., in March 1937. It was copied from original records in her possession.

beth Frazer are buried in the Old Stone Church Cemetery, Lewisburg. They had issue:⁵

- (1) Richard Frazer (b 12 September 1810; d 24 February 1831) unm.
- (2) James Anthony Frazer (b 1 July 1812, White Sulphur Spring; d testate 27 March 1860, Greenbrier County, Va.) m Sarah C. Foulke; and had issue.
- (3) Hannah Herndon Frazer (b 5 Feb. 1815; d 23 January 1889 near Lewisburg, Va.) m 12 July 1832 Colonel Samuel Thompson (b 18 March 1801, Loudoun Co., Va.) who had settled in Lewisburg 1822; dsp.
- (4) William Herndon Frazer (b 22 April 1817, White Sulphur Springs; d 8 August 1825, Lewisburg, Va.)
- (5) Sarah Thomas Frazer (b ca 1818/9; d 20 March 1891, Lewisburg, Va.) m —— Harrison, and had issue.
- (6) Thomas Frazer (b 1 August 1820 at "Harmony Hall"; d ante 1850).
- (7) Elizabeth Taylor Frazer (b 22 February 1821 at "Harmony Hall") m January 1852 Andrew Beirne (b 1 August 1830), and had four sons.
- (8) Margaret Carter Frazer (b 1 August 1826 Lewisburg, Va.) m 23 February 1848 Bedford Caldwell, of White Sulphur Springs, and had six children.

773 EDWARD FRAZER (b 9 February 1785) m his first cousin Mrs. ELIZABETH (FRAZER) THOMAS (daughter of John Frazer and his wife Elizabeth Fox). They had issue:

- (1) Joseph Fox Frazer, m Elizabeth Sullivan in Kentucky; issue, 1 son and 3 daughters.

774 ELIZABETH FRAZER, (b 13 February 1787, d 3 December 1803) unm.

775 GEORGE FRAZER, (b 3 March 1790).

776 HERNDON FRAZER (b 20 August 1792; d 20 July 1877), educated at Washington College (now Washington and Lee University), prominent Baptist clergyman; m first his first cousin HULDAH HERNDON (1798-1845), daughter of Joseph Herndon and his wife Lucy Duerson. They had no issue. He married secondly, in 1848, another cousin, MARTHA LUCETTA RAWLINGS (b 1812), daughter of Richard Rawlings and his wife Lucy Scott Herndon, daughter of Captain Zachariah Herndon and his wife Mary Scott. Reverend Herndon and Martha Frazer had issue:

- (1) Herndon Frazer, called "Don", d unm.
- (2) Hulda Frazer m Nicholas Penn Coleman; issue, 2 daughters.

777 MARGARET FRAZER, b 4 April 1795, d 9 June 1828, unm.

778 JOSEPH ADDISON FRAZER (b 22 March 1798) m FANNIE RENICK, and had issue:

- (1) Sarah Frazer m Richard Summerson; issue, 2 sons.
- (2) Robert Frazer.
- (3) Herndon Frazer, killed during War, 1861-65.

779 ANTHONY FRAZER, b 25 April 1801, d unm.

⁵ The record of James Frazer and his children was furnished 6 December 1948 by Mr. Geo. H. S. King, Fredericksburg, Va., to the compiler. In another record Beirne is spelt Bierne.

#181 EDWARD HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 19 November 1762 in Spotsylvania County, Va., and died there 19 May 1808. He married MARY ELIZABETH SHARPE (b 11 April 1762; d December 1832), daughter of John Sharpe (d June 1763) and his first wife, whom he married in 1761, Susannah Hord (b 27 April 1742), daughter of Thomas Hord (b 7 September 1701; Will dated 28 January 1766) and his wife Jane Miller whom he married 24 June 1726. Susannah married, secondly, John Shelton (his Will dated 28 April 1805).¹

The claim that this EDWARD HERNDON served in the Revolution is correct. He went to the Bryant Station neighborhood as a young man and participated in the famous defense of that station. He was possibly the Edward Herndon to whom a grant of 500 acres in Jefferson County, Ky., was made 14 December 1782. When in 1804 he offered his farm "Pine Grove" in Spotsylvania for sale he announced that he "intends to go to Ky. in the fall."²

His Will was dated 1 October 1807 and recorded 4 July 1808.³ His brothers John and William Herndon were his executors. They furnished bond in the sum of \$15,000, with Joseph Herndon, Jr. (his brother) and Reuben Frazer as securities. Witnesses were Beverley Stubblefield, Richard Todd, and Jeremiah Chandler. The inventory valued his slaves at £1,722 and his other personality at £350 5s. 7d. The date was 5 September 1808.⁴ These transactions reflect the curious admixture of the vanishing British and the emergent American currency.

Children of Edward Herndon, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth Sharpe:

780 GEORGE HERNDON (b 1785, d 23 February 1812) m MARTHA JONES, and had issue:

(1) Martha George Herndon, d unm., aged 21.

781 MARY M. HERNDON (b 3 May 1788, "Pine Grove", Spotsylvania County, Va.; d 1841, Alabama) m in Spotsylvania County 20 June 1814 GEORGE ROBINSON, and had issue: Edwin, Francis, Herndon, Mary, William, Janette, Helen, Susan, and Elizabeth Robinson.

¹ This detail is given to correct the error made by Robert Hord in his *History of the Hord Family*, 42, saying that this Edward Herndon married Elizabeth Shelton, daughter of John Shelton and Sukey [Susannah] Hord. It is appropriate to mention also that Thomas Hord Herndon married first Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Brock and Agnes Shelton, the latter a daughter of John Shelton and Susannah Hord.

² 9 VMHB 439.

³ Spotsylvania County Will Book G: 318, 320.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 336.

782 JAMES HERNDON (1790-1790).

783 FANNIE HERNDON (b ca 1792) m REUBEN FRAZER (b 1767, d 4 December 1832) son of James Frazer and his wife Elizabeth Foster. Reuben and Fannie Frazer had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters:

- (1) Rev. Frederick Frazer m Mary B. Holliday.
- (2) Martha Frazer m as his second wife George Turner whose first wife was Philadelphia Claiborne Frazer, daughter of Lt. John Frazer and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Fox.
- (3) Cassandra Frazer, unm.

784 THOMAS HORD HERNDON (b 1794, Spotsylvania Co., Va., d 24 May 1842, at sea, while on a trip for his health, his home being in Erie, Alabama) m 1st in Orange County, Va., 7 November 1817 ELIZABETH BROCK, daughter of Capt. Joseph Brock (license issued 6 November 1817 in Madison Co., Va.)⁵ Thomas and Elizabeth Herndon had issue, one son Joseph who died in infancy. Thomas Hord Herndon married secondly at St. Stephens, Clark County, Ala., EMMA SARAH TOULMIN, daughter of Judge Henry Toulmin, first President of Transylvania University, and his wife Ann Tremlett. Thomas and Emma Herndon had issue, 3 sons and 6 daughters:

- (1) Elizabeth Brock Herndon (b 11 September 1823, Erie, Ala.: d 12 October 1864, Greene Co., Ala.) m ca 1839 William Bullock Inge (b 22 June 1815, Granville Co., N. C.), son of Dr. Richard Inge and his first wife, Elizabeth Bullock; and had 7 sons and 4 daughters.
- (2) Virginia A. Herndon (b 1824) m Hon. John Little Smith, and had 2 sons and 2 daughters.
- (3) Harry Toulmin Herndon (b 1826, Erie, Greene County, Ala.; d 14 August 1855, Forkland, Greene Co., Ala.) m at Eutaw, Ala., 1847 Sarah Johnson Inge (b 1828) daughter of Dr. Richard Inge and his second wife, Rebecca Brownlow; had 2 sons and 3 daughters.
- (4) Thomas Hord Herndon (1 July 1828, Erie, Ala.; d 28 March 1883, Mobile, Alabama), a Representative from Alabama in the Congress of the United States from 4 March 1879 till his death;⁶ m at Eutaw, Alabama, 1848 Mary Edmonia Alexander (b 1832, North Carolina) and had issue, 3 sons and 4 daughters.
- (5) Helen Hord Herndon (b 27 June 1830, near Erie, Ala.; d 19 October 1887, Ga.) m 9 April 1850 John Robert Hardy Smith (b 21 October 1813, Edenton, N. C.; d 13 March 1878, Mobile, Ala.) son of Robert Hardy Smith and Elizabeth Gregory; had 6 sons and 5 daughters.
- (6) Edward Herndon (b 15 August 1832, Greene Co., Ala.) m at Eutaw, Ala., 7 January 1856 Virginia Bell (b 16 October 1836, Greene Co., Ala.; d 30 July 1899). He was a lieutenant CSA., killed 15 May 1864, Battle of the Wilderness; issue, 4 sons.
- (7) Fannie Herndon (b 10 August 1834, Erie, Ala.) m Francis Edward Stollenwerck (b 15 May 1830, Greensboro, Ala.; d 11 October 1867)

⁵ *National Intelligencer*, Washington, D. C., 19 Nov. 1817, cited in *National Genealogical Magazine*, Vol. XXIII.

⁶ For the record of his distinguished career, see *Biographical Directory of the American Congress*, 1774-1947, p. 1303.

son of Louis Auguste Stollenwerck and Aimée Coupsée; issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.

- (8) Emma January Herndon (b 1838) m 11 May 1858 Brett Randolph, of Birmingham, Ala., and had issue, 3 sons and 6 daughters.
- (9) Anne Tremlett Herndon (b 24 June 1843; d 17 June 1883, California) m 10 May 1864 Dr. Edward Burt Perrin (b 12 January 1839), son of George G. and Adeline B. Perrin; had 1 son and 8 daughters.

785 SUSANNAH HERNDON (b 1796, d testate 1822, Spotsylvania County, unm.)

786 EDWARD HERNDON (b 17 September 1799, Spotsylvania County, Va., d 2 February 1872, Livingston, Sumter County, Ala.) m 1822 MELVINA ANN CAMMACK (b 1803, Va.) daughter of Robert Cammack and Elizabeth Chew. Edward Herndon went to Alabama as early as 1818; owned lands in Greene County 1818-1838; removed to Gainesville, Sumter County in 1839 where he was a very successful merchant. He was said to have been commissioned to receive and entertain General Lafayette on his last visit to the United States. He was an Episcopalian until 1824, thereafter a Presbyterian. In 1839-41 he was Grand Master of Masons in Alabama; from 1844-1846 was Masonic Grand Treasurer; from 1840 to 1842 was Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter 1845. In politics he was a Whig until 1860; from 1860 to 1865 as strong a Unionist as his brother was a supporter of the Confederacy; after 1865, a Republican. In 1867 he was appointed treasurer of Sumter County; from 1868 to 1872 was register in chancery of Sumter County. He and his wife had the following children:

- (1) Elizabeth Chew Herndon (b 1825).
- (2) Mary Virginia Herndon (1826-1904) m first 4 June 1844 Harrison Wall Covington and had 1 son and 1 daughter; m second Col. Archibald Stewart McNeil, and had 4 sons and 4 daughters.
- (3) Robert Edward Herndon (b 25 January 1829; d Nov. 1859) was a student at the University of Alabama 1849; lived at Gainesville; later a merchant at Halls Bluff, Texas, unm.
- (4) Thomas Cammack Herndon (b 1830, d 31 December 1901, New Orleans, La.), manager of the New Orleans Clearing House for many years prior to his death, m 1859 Rebecca Jane Krumbahr (b 1840, Indiana), and had issue, 3 sons and 2 daughters.
- (5) Melvina Christine Herndon (b 1832) m November 1849 Judge Anthony Winston Dillard, and had issue, 2 sons and 5 daughters.
- (6) Emma Jane Herndon (1835-1908) m 1854 Thomas Rufus Underwood, and had 1 son and 1 daughter.
- (7) Lucy Bird Herndon (1836-1840).
- (8) Samuel Nelson Herndon (1838-1840).
- (9) Addison Cammack Herndon (1840-1897) m Mary Eleanor Prades; he was an accountant; issue, 3 sons.
- (10) Helen Herndon (1842-) m —— Underhill, of N. C.

#182 SARAH HERNDON [28 Edward] was born in 1764 and died about 1785. She married about 1783 JAMES FRAZER as his first wife.

Because of the close family ties between the Herndons and Frazers there is furnished below a detailed statement concerning this James Frazer and his family, although he and his first wife, Sarah Herndon, had no issue.¹ He was brother to Anthony Frazer who married Hannah Herndon; to William Frazer who married Philadelphia Herndon; and to Reuben Frazer who married Fannie Herndon. Hannah and Philadelphia were sisters of his first wife, while Fannie was a niece of theirs. It may be additionally stated that the parents of these Frazers were James Frazer and Elizabeth Foster and that the Will of Anthony Foster (father of Elizabeth) was dated 4 February 1763, proved 4 July 1763, and recorded in *Spotsylvania County Will Book D*: 44, and that Anthony was a son of Robert Foster, who died testate in Essex County, 1718.

JAMES FRAZER was a sergeant of the Virginia Line² whose horse "Rainbow" was killed under him at the Battle of Cowpens. He was also at the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.³ For his services he received 10 June 1784 a grant of 400 acres in Kentucky.⁴ Moreover, Certificate #100 was granted by Benjamin Winslow, County Lieutenant, for a gun belonging to JAMES FRAZER, of the Spotsylvania Militia, 17 May 1781.⁵

He was appointed ensign of the County Militia 6 June 1787.⁶

His Will, dated 15 December 1798 and proved 2 April 1799, is abstracted in *Crozier*, 54. His death was announced thus in the issue of 11 January 1799 of the Virginia Herald of Fredericksburg:

"Died—In this County, Mr. James Frazer."

An aspect of the settlement of his estate is to be noted in the same newspaper, issue of 11 August 1810:

By virtue of authority to us given by the legatees of the Estate of James Frazer, deceased, to be sold—420 acres of land lying within one mile of Spotsylvania Court

¹ The material for this sketch was contributed 6 December 1948 by Mr. Geo. H. S. King, Fredericksburg, Va.

² 123 DAR 142.

³ 21 Tyler 261.

⁴ Military Certificates, Vol. I, 649, Va. State Land Office; and W. R. Jillson: *Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds*, 332.

⁵ *Spotsylvania County Order Book*, 1774-1782: 195.

⁶ *Spotsylvania County Order Book*, 1786-1789: 89.

House and known by the name of the RED HOUSE TRACT. There is a dwelling house with three rooms below and two above [the stairs], an orchard. . . .

/s/ Edward Herndon [son of Capt. Edward Herndon]

/s/ Joseph Herndon [son of Capt. Edward Herndon]

JAMES FRAZER had married secondly about 1786 Sarah Kenyon Thomas (d 1792/3) and by her had issue:

- a. Elizabeth Frazer m her first cousin James Frazer, son of Anthony Frazer and Hannah Herndon. For their issue see pages 80-81.
- b. Martha Frazer (b May 1789) m first ——— Bayes; m secondly Sampson Matthews, by whom she had a son who became Governor of West Virginia.
- c. Sarah Kenyon Frazer (b 10 February 1792) m in Greenbrier County 18 July 1821 Felix G. Hansford, and had issue, 6 children.

JAMES FRAZER had married about 1793 Lucy Smith, as his third wife. Soon after the death of her husband, she removed with her two children to Orange County, Va., where she lived in the home of her relative General Stevens until her death. The appraisement of her estate was dated 29 December 1804 and was recorded in *Orange County Will Book #4*: 148, 241, and 354. Their two children were:

- d. James Frazer (b ca 1894) m 3 June 1818 Sarah Long, daughter of Richard Long, of Spotsylvania, and had one son and one daughter.
- e. William Smith Frazer (b 10 November 1795 at "Red House," Spotsylvania; d at his residence "Waverly", Orange County, 29 January 1860) m 19 June 1818 Ann Burrus, daughter of Capt. Wm. Tandy Burrus; had issue:
 - (1) John Frazer m Susie Morton.
 - (2) William Tandy Burrus Frazer m Lucinda D. Mills.
 - (3) James Frazer m Jessie or Fredonia Johnson.
 - (4) Robert Frazer m Florence Spillman.
 - (5) Lucy Frazer m Ollie T. Terrell.

#183 THOMAS HERNDON [28 Edward] was born in 1765 in Spotsylvania County. When he was 16 years of age he was a witness with his father to the power of attorney which Matthew Gale of Orange County gave 4 September to Stapleton Crutchfield, of Spotsylvania.¹ Two years later with his father and two others he was witness to the deed from Joel Parish to James Lewis dated 3 January 1783 for the sale of 175 acres in

¹ This and all later Spotsylvania references to this Thomas Herndon are found in *Crozier*, pp. 367, 370, 395, 403, 406, 416, 431.

St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania. On 25 November 1786 he, with Benjamin Stubblefield and others, was a witness to the sale of land which belonged to the estate of William Howard, decd., and Henry Foster which was sold for non-payment of taxes by George Stubblefield, Gent., High Sheriff of Spotsylvania, to Robert Smith, Gent., of the same county. Again on 1 January 1788 he, with Benjamin and Harry Stubblefield, was a witness to the deed from George Stubblefield and Sally, his wife, to Edward Herndon, Jr., for the conveyance of 336 acres in St. George's Parish.

THOMAS HERNDON was by occupation a house carpenter and in that capacity there were apprenticed to him the following young men on the dates mentioned:

- 7 Feb 1786 Owen Thomas Holloday, orphan of John Holloday
- 6 Feb 1787 John Frazer, orphan of Andrew Frazer
- 6 May 1788 Daniel and William, free mulatto boys, sons of Milly Mann a free mulatto woman
- 2 Mar 1790 Charles Brown, orphan of Thomas Brown

Shortly after this last mentioned date he moved to Culpeper County with his wife, SUSANNAH BEVERLEY STUBBLEFIELD, daughter of George and Sally Stubblefield, whom he had married in Spotsylvania in 1788, and their two oldest children. They continued to live in Culpeper until 1797.² There Thomas Herndon was taxed until 1797 on 233½ acres, which were in two tracts, one containing 220 acres and the other, according to the deed of reconveyance, not 12½ but 21½ acres.² The larger of these tracts had been conveyed by Dabney Minor 10 Jan 1772 to Peter Van Dyke who on 2 Oct 1793 conveyed the property to Thomas Herndon. The other had been sold by William Strother to Peter Van Dyke 30 May 1791 who conveyed it to Thomas Herndon. On 15 Dec 1797 Thomas Herndon and his wife Susannah Beverley (Stubblefield) Herndon conveyed these two properties to Sam Slaughter. That deed referred to the contracting parties as all being of Culpeper. Almost immediately thereafter the family moved to Fayette County, Ky., where, 27 September 1798 Thomas Herndon was granted 170 acres on the Elkhorn.³

Mention has already been made of Thomas Herndon's part as his father's attorney in connection with the sale of the latter's Kentucky land. Thomas Herndon died in Fayette County, Ky., in 1808. The inventory of his estate was filed 7 Jan 1809.⁴ His personalty was appraised

² Real Estate Tax Records of Culpeper County, State Library, Richmond.

³ W. R. Jillson: *Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds*.

⁴ Fayette County Will Book A: 517.

at \$770.00. The names of his widow and children are recorded⁵ in connection with the transfer of property by the heirs of Thomas Woolfolk to the heirs of Thomas Herndon, being land which Thomas Woolfolk in his lifetime had sold to Thomas Herndon, but the deed for which had not been recorded. The date when the deed by his heirs was recorded was 20 February 1821.

Thomas Herndon's widow, Susan B., made a marriage settlement 19 January 1818 "because of her contemplated marriage with James Wood, and both having previously been married and having children," she established Roger Quarles as trustee of her property, and James Wood relinquished dower therein. Their marriage bond was dated the same day.

Children of Thomas Herndon and Susannah Beverley Stubblefield:

787 GEORGE STUBBLEFIELD HERNDON (b 1789, Va.) m in Spotsylvania 23 December 1819 HULDAH BILLINGSLEY, (b 2 March 1800), daughter of Rev. John Ascumb Billingsley and his wife, Sarah Duerson. George S. Herndon served as a Lieutenant of the 11th Company under Capt. John C. Morrison, Lt. Col. Wm. Dudley's Regiment of Kentucky Volunteer Militia during the War of 1812; was taken prisoner; put on a prison ship at Lake Erie, paroled and returned home.⁶ Later the family moved to Montgomery County, Tenn.⁷ George and Hulda Herndon had 2 sons and 3 daughters, of whom we have knowledge of these three:

- (3) Isabella J. Herndon, m 17 August 1852 George C. Manning.
- (4) Susannah Herndon, m 17 September 1854 Bayard G. Pollard.
- (5) Jacob Whiteler Herndon, (b 1829).

788 MARY HERNDON (b 1790; d 5 March 1860) m in Fayette County, Ky., 14 September 1808 (m b 10 September 1808) WILLIAM SHORTRIDGE (b 1776; d 21 October 1846), lived near Bryant Station, Ky. They had issue:⁸

- (1) Harriet Herndon Shorridge (b 10 March 1810; d 1 July 1864) m 16 November 1834 Joseph P. Wood (d 1 March 1836, aged 27 years), lived at New Albany, Ind.
- (2) Louisa Lewis Shorridge (b 12 Aug 1811; d 2 June 1903) m 19 November 1829 Milo Nuckols; lived in Ray County, Mo.
- (3) Alfred Lewis Shorridge (b 2 June 1813, near Georgetown, Ky.; d 7 April 1900, Tipton, Missouri), M.D., 1838, Transylvania University; m 1861 Mary Caroline Bradley; had 3 sons and 4 daughters.

⁵ *Fayette County Deed Book U:* 241.

⁶ See his application for bounty lands, National Archives; also Quisenberry: *Kentucky in the War of 1812*, p. 181.

⁷ A letter from Benj. L. Waller, Todd County, Ky., to Charles O. Young, Dabney's Mills, Louisa Co., Va., dated 5 January 1841 (original in possession of Geo. H. S. King, Fredericksburg, Va., 1949) says in part:

"George Herndon has moved 8 or 9 miles nearer Clarksville. John Wisdom has sold his land and bought in Montgomery County, Tennessee, near George Herndon."

⁸ Data from letter from Mrs. A. L. Shorridge, Sedalia, Mo., to the compiler, dated 16 March 1937.

- (4) Paulina Jane Shortridge (b 11 April 1815; d 24 September 1849) m 10 February 1835 B. O. Austin.
- (5) Mary Herndon Shortridge (b 21 August 1817; d 18 September 1845) m 23 March 1836 Volney Suggett.
- (6) Sarah Catherine Shortridge (b 5 July 1820; d 10 May 1898) m 23 December 1841 Isaac Newton Hockaway, lived at Pleasant Hill, Mo., and had issue.
- (7) William T. Shortridge (b 18 May 1823; d 1891) m 1st, 2 May 1849 his cousin Thomazella V. Bartlett (b 1830; d 8 March 1856) and had issue, a son and a daughter who died young; m 2nd, 15 November 1859 Julia McAdow.
- (8) Susannah Stubblefield Shortridge (b 30 July 1824, d 20 November 1901) m 30 July 1845 John J. Mosby.
- (9) Augusta Maria Shortridge (b 12 October 1826, d 1859) m Seth R. Herndon, a son of Edward Herndon [#791].

789 SUSANNAH HERNDON (b 1792) m in Fayette County, Ky. 5 July 1811 WILLIAM GILLHAM (Guillian, according to the license) and had issue, Charles and Stark Gillham, both of whom were Mississippi River pilots.

790 THOMAS HERNDON (b 1794, Va.; d February 1864, Atchison Co., Kans.) m in Kentucky MARY BRANHAM (b 1797, Ky.; d June 1863). He was a farmer of Lee Township, Atchison County, Kansas, by 1850. Issue:

- (1) Simeon Branham Herndon (b 1818, Ky.) m 3 May 1838 Emeline Miller, daughter of Lewis Miller and Agnes Anderson; lived in Platte County, Mo., and had 3 sons and 9 daughters.
- (2) Susannah Stubblefield Herndon (b 22 January 1820, Stamping Ground, Scott Co., Ky.) m at New Albany, Indiana, 29 November 1838 Ezekiel Leighton, a ship carpenter from Maine; had issue, possibly among others, a son Charles C. Leighton of Atchison, Kansas.⁹
- (3) Huldah Herndon m —— Kirby, and lived at St. Joseph, Mo.
- (4) Eliza Herndon m —— Sale, and lived at St. Joseph, Mo.
- (5) Miranda B. Herndon (b 1828), m —— Perry, and lived at St. Joseph, Mo.
- (6) Thomas Jefferson Herndon (b ca 1830, Jefferson Co., Ky.) m ——; had 8 children.¹⁰
- (7) Catherine Herndon (b 1832, Indiana) m —— Burbank.

791 EDWARD HERNDON (b 1796, d testate 1848, Platte County, Mo.) a wealthy and influential citizen of Platte County, Mo., m REBECCA ——, and had:

- (1) Thomas Herndon, died young.
- (2) Mary C. Herndon, m Rev. Robert Scott, and had 5 sons and 3 daughters.
- (3) Maria Louisa Herndon, m 1st, John Darst, had 1 son and 1 daughter; m 2nd, Benjamin Perry.
- (4) Seth R. Herndon (b 1827/8) m 8 August 1859 his first cousin Augusta Maria Shortridge, and had issue, 3 sons and 2 daughters.
- (5) Edward B. Herndon, d. May 1853, unm.

⁹ Data supplied by Mrs. Charles Hawley (nee Minnie Leighton), of Lawrence, Kansas.

¹⁰ One daughter is Miss Louise Herndon, of Kansas City, Mo., who at various dates contributed much information concerning descendants of Thomas Herndon and Susannah Beverley Stubblefield.

- (6) Henry Herndon (b 1832, Ky.) m 1st, Sarah Schloss, who d shortly thereafter; m 2nd, 31 March 1863, Augusta E. Young, and had 3 daughters.
- (7) Miranda Herndon (d in infancy).
- (8) Susannah B. Herndon (b 21 May 1838, Ky., d 9 March 1877) m 2 November 1863, as second wife of Huston McFarland (b 28 December 1813 Ste. Genevieve, Mo., d 8 June 1888, Platte Co., Mo.) and had issue, 2 daughters.
- (9) Sarah E. Herndon (b 1843) m 2 March 1860 E. S. Dalton and had 4 sons and 1 daughter.

792 JAMES HERNDON (b 1798).

793 RICHARD WYATT HERNDON (1800-1851) m 20 Sept. 1827 FRANCES LANE; in Woodford County, Ky. and had issue, possibly among others: Ellen Herndon, b 1830, and Eliza J. Herndon, b 1832.

794 MARTHA T. HERNDON (b 1802, Fayette Co., Ky.) m there 18 September 1826 WILLIAM BERRY, a farmer of Ray County, Missouri; issue:

- (1) Orlando Berry, CSA.
- (2) Mary Berry m William Bullock.
- (3) Susannah Berry m Alexander McChristian.
- (4) Augusta Berry.
- (5) Laura Berry, died young.

795 ELIZA HERNDON (b 1804) m 16 December 1832 CONQUEST W. OWINGS, of Washington, Mason County, Ky.

796 CATHERINE B. HERNDON (b 1806) m 16 December 1825 SETH WOODRUFF, of New Albany, Indiana, and had issue:

- (1) Seth Woodruff.
- (2) Thomas Woodruff, d. in boyhood.

797 FRAZIER DUERSON HERNDON (b 1808, Ky.) lived in Woodford County, Ky., later in Fayette County, Ky., where he married 11 December 1832 MARY PRESTON (b 1812, Mason County, Ky.), daughter of John and Frances Preston; settled in Platte County, Mo., 1842; moved to Pleasant Hill, Cass County, Mo. in 1862, and returned to Platte County, Mo., 1864.¹¹ Their issue:

- (1) Benjamin Herndon, d ante 1880.
- (2) Barnard (Barnett) P. Herndon, C. S. A., killed 3 June 1864.
- (3) Sarah E. Herndon (1836-1866) unm.
- (4) Frances M. Herndon, m — Kirk.
- (5) Alfred Herndon, d childhood.
- (6) James Alvin Herndon, m Emma Brown.
- (7) Joseph T. Herndon, m 20 February 1868 Sarah E. Shouse, daughter of Benjamin P. and Margaret F. Shouse, of Woodford Co., Ky.
- (8) Susannah Beverley Herndon, m Zachary Taylor Shouse, (b 10 March 1847), son of Benjamin P. Shouse.
- (9) Edward Frazier Herndon, lived at Hume, Cass County, Mo.
- (10) David Herndon, lived in Cass Co., Mo.
- (11) Jonathan Herndon, lived in Cass Co., Mo.

¹¹ The spelling Frazier rather than Frazer seems to have been regularly used by Frazier Duerson Herndon and his son Edward Frazier Herndon.

#184 WILLIAM HERNDON [28 Edward], was born 1767, Spotsylvania County, Va., and died 18 January 1823. He m in Fredericksburg 1788 ISABELLA WHITELER (b 1768; d 27 May 1827). He and his wife lived at "Belvoir", on the Massaponax, 6 miles from Fredericksburg and there they both died.¹ Concerning him, Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon has written:²

He was a progressive citizen of Fredericksburg and very active in promoting its advancement. He was a member of the Common Council, secretary and treasurer of the Rappahannock Jockey Club and a subscriber to the Charity School, and one of the vice presidents of the Colonization Society; owner of that noted tavern "Indian Queen" which was the stopping place for the mail coaches which ran between Richmond and Alexandria; owner of some noted blood horses; in 1820 was postmaster of Spotsylvania C. H.; in 1810 he owned "The White or Bowyer's Sulphur Springs," Greenbrier Co.; took much interest in the Presbyterian Church of which he was a conscientious member.

In his Will, dated 16 January 1823 and proved 3 February 1823,³ he mentioned his sons William A., Joseph S., and Edwin Herndon, his sons-in-law, Charles Green and Carter L. Stevenson and their wives, his daughters Margaret Ann and Jane W. Herndon, and his tavern "Indian Queen." His executors placed the following advertisement⁴ in the issue of the *Virginia Herald* dated Fredericksburg, 1 August 1827:

FOR SALE
THE VALUABLE ESTATE CALLED
BELVOIR

In the County of Spotsylvania, the residence of the late William Herndon. It is advantageously watered by the Massaponax—containing about 700 acres, and is distant six miles from the Town of Fredericksburg. The land is all flat and well adapted to the culture of corn, tobacco, and wheat, and a portion of it is woodland, well-timbered, and as rich as any in the county. There are good orchards, containing a choice collection of Fruits. The Improvements are a large and spacious brick Dwelling House, conveniently arranged, with all necessary Out-Houses, good water, and an Ice-House, inferior to none in the County. It is a healthy situation, in a very genteel neighbourhood, and has always been considered as a highly desirable residence.

The Extras: of William Herndon

N.B. For terms apply to C. L. STEVENSON or to ALBERT HERNDON who is on the premises.

July 18, 1827.

¹ His death was reported in the *National Intelligencer*, Washington, D. C., issue of 27 January 1823 (*National Genealogical Quarterly*, Vol. 34, p. 95).

² 10 VMHB 92, with continuation concerning some of his descendants on pp. 200-201.

³ *Spotsylvania Will Book K*: 282.

⁴ Copy made by Mr. George H. S. King 17 January 1950 from the file of this newspaper in the Library of Congress.

Children of William Herndon and Isabella Whiteler:

798 ELIZABETH BATTALEY HERNDON (1789-1813) m 17 December 1812 BELA WHITING.

799 JANE WHITELER HERNDON (1791-1849) m 8 March 1809 CARTER LITTLEPAGE STEVENSON, of "Hazen Hill" (son of Reverend James Stevenson and his wife, Frances Arnette Littlepage) and had issue:

- (1) Frances Arnette Stevenson m William Wyatt Tyler.
- (2) Isabella Herndon Stevenson m Charles Bemis; issue.
- (3) Byrd Woodville Stevenson, unm.
- (4) Carter Littlepage Stevenson, (b 21 September 1817; d 15 August 1888) General, C.S.A., m 15 June 1842 Martha Silvery Griswold; issue.
- (5) Sarah Woodville Stevenson, unm.

800 ROBERT HERNDON (1793-1813), unm.

801 MARGARET ANN HERNDON (1795-1795).

802 JAMES HERNDON (b 1796, d at Calloway County, Mo., and buried Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo., 1876) m 26 April 1818 ANN S. ESTES (d 1869, buried beside her husband). They were Episcopalians. They had 9 children, including daughters named Mary, Agnes, and Martha, and sons named James, William T. and Joseph G., about whom we have no further information; and a son, second among the children, named Edward Tarr Herndon (b 26 August 1829, White Sulphur Springs, Va.; d 3 July 1903, St. Louis, Mo.) who m first at Glasgow, Howard Co., Mo., 21 January 1858 Sarah Frances Venable (b 1839, Howard County, Mo.; d 4 March 1874, buried Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.) and had issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters; m secondly in Crawford County, Mo., 2 December 1875 Rebecca, daughter of C. C. and Mary Cook, and had issue, 1 son and 1 daughter. Edward Tarr Herndon was a steamboat captain and a mining engineer. At the time of the Civil War he lived in Cedar Township, Boone County, Mo. He served in the Confederate Army under General Price.

803 ELEANOR HERNDON (1799-1809).

804 WILLIAM ALBERT HERNDON (b 1801; d 24 July 1828) m 16 June 1825 JULIET ANN BROADUS, of Culpeper Courthouse, daughter of William Broadus and his wife, Ann Tutt; had issue:

- (1) Mary Elinor Herndon (b 1826) m John A. Roberts, and had 1 son and 4 daughters.
- (2) William Albert Herndon, d unm.

805 ELIZABETH ANN HERNDON (b 1803; d 14 October 1865) m 25 December 1822 CHARLES GREEN (b 17 December 1798; d 17 March 1879), son of James Green and his wife Elizabeth P. Jones; had issue:

- (1) Elizabeth Ann Green (b 16 April 1825, d 18 April 1887) m 7 August 1847 Philip St. George Ambler (d 19 March 1877), son of Colonel John Ambler and Katherine Norton, of Richmond, Va.; issue, 5 sons and 2 daughters.
- (2) James William Green (b 15 May 1830; d 18 March 1878) m Mary Fanny Jett (b 16 March 1831; d 10 May 1895), and had 3 sons and 1 daughter.

806 JOSEPH STRACHAN HERNDON (1805-1829), unm.

807 EDWIN HERNDON, said to have settled in Texas.

#185 PHILADELPHIA HERNDON [28 Edward] was born in Spotsylvania County, Va., 26 October 1770¹ and was married there 17 April 1788 to WILLIAM FRAZER, born in Spotsylvania 1 March 1761, brother of Anthony, James, and Reuben Frazer, already mentioned.² The marriage ceremony was performed by the Reverend Thomas Ryan, at that time rector of Berkeley Parish and prior to that time and up to 1791 Master of Fredericksburg Academy.³

In addition to his being a soldier of the Revolution⁴ we have the following record of one aspect of his service:⁵

Certificate No. 174 granted by Richard Young CQM to WILLIAM FRAZER ye 20 Jan. 1781 for 43 days service in collecting foreage (*sic*).

In 1784, 1785, 1786, and 1789 William Frazer was "Collector of Tax" for Spotsylvania County. On 7 January 1789 John Herndon (his brother-in-law) was security on his tax bond.⁶

It is known that William and Philadelphia Frazer were living in Berkeley Parish in 1792.⁷ His name first appeared on the real estate tax lists of Spotsylvania County in 1788 and continued each year until 1810. In October of that year he and wife Philadelphia, with their children and slaves, in company with her brother John Herndon and his wife (née Judith Hampton), with their children and slaves, left Spotsylvania in a caravan to migrate to Clark County, Ky.⁸ William and Philadelphia had just sold certain lands and slaves of theirs in Spotsylvania.⁹

¹ Documentary proof that Philadelphia was a daughter of Edward Herndon and his wife Mary Duerson has already been furnished in the affidavits subscribed to by William Frazer, Jr., and William Duerson, cited in connection with the pension application filed by Judith (Hampton) Herndon on account of the Revolutionary War service of her husband John Herndon. The aforesaid Mary Duerson was a daughter of Thomas Duerson and his wife Hannah Brock (daughter of Joseph Brock, Sr.) who were married in Spotsylvania County, Va., 5 May 1735 [Crozier, 85].

² The dates for these births and marriages are from the Bibles of Warren Frazer, of Lexington, Ky., still in possession of his descendants living in that city, and from the Bible of William Frazer, Jr., which until November 1932 was in the possession of his great-granddaughter, Anna Hoy Sheppard, but was destroyed when the old Frazer home at Slater, Mo., was burned.

³ The information concerning Reverend Thomas Ryan was verified in February 1941 by Rev. Dr. G. McLaren Brydon, of Richmond, Va., from records of the Episcopal Church in Virginia.

⁴ Previously referred to in the sketch of John Herndon #178 on page 77.

⁵ *Spotsylvania County Court Order Book, 1774-1782*: 202.

⁶ By virtue of his office, William Frazer was designated as "gentleman", as in deed from himself and wife, Philadelphia, of Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania County, conveying to Robert Scott, of the same parish and county, 57 acres for £57. (Crozier, 455).

⁷ Crozier, 85.

⁸ Perrin's *History of Fayette County, Kentucky*, 603, says that William Frazer brought 50 slaves with him from Virginia.

⁹ *Spotsylvania County Deed Book S*: 171 and 214.

Both WILLIAM FRAZER and his brother-in-law JOHN HERNDON are listed as Revolutionary soldiers residing in Clark County, Ky., in 1810.¹⁰ William Frazer and his family lived only a few years in Winchester, though his son Dr. Warren Frazer, who married Laura Brooking, of Winchester, continued to live there for several years. At a date before 1819 William Frazer and his family removed to Lexington, Ky. His residence was on the Winchester Pike and was named "Forkland." In 1940 this home was still standing. William Frazer founded a hemp business.

He died 19 March 1819 and is buried in the old Episcopal Cemetery on Third Street in Lexington. In his Will, dated 11 August 1818 and probated at the April 1819 Court,¹¹ he named his wife Philadelphia executrix and mentioned his daughters Rebecca, Mary, and Martha and his sons, Robert and William, as being his children then of lawful age.

His widow, Philadelphia, lived until 23 September 1830. She and her husband were buried in the same tomb. A contemporary notice of her death, preserved in one of the old Frazer Family Bibles, reads:

Died at her residence near this place on Monday the 23rd instant Mrs. Philadelphia Frazer, relict of the late William Frazer, Esq. after a lingering illness of several months, of a consumptive character which she bore with great Christian patience, fortitude and resignation, and died in the sanguine expectation of a glorious immortality. Those who knew her best can alone appreciate her worth. She has left a numerous circle of friends and relatives in this and her native state Virginia, to lament their irreparable loss—'Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed. John 20. 29' . . . BY A FRIEND.

The family were devout Episcopalians and the Register of Christ Church, Lexington, records the baptisms, marriages, and deaths of many of their large family.

In the settlement of Philadelphia (Herndon) Frazer's estate certain deeds were recorded to which reference is now made. She had acquired, for a consideration of \$1,000, from Thomas Shipley and John W. Kelly, of Philadelphia, Pa., 39 acres on Georgetown and Newton Road, Fayette County, Ky.¹² This deed was dated 1822. On 5 July 1827 there was a deed from McConnell's heirs to Philadelphia Frazer for the same property. Then on 10 June 1839 an indenture was entered into between John T. Nolan and Jane Garnett Nolan, his wife, Rebecca Frazer, Mary D. Frazer, Martha D. Frazer, Lucy M. Bartlett, and Virginia K. Frazer, all

¹⁰ See Footnote 4 above.

¹¹ Fayette County Will Book D: 501.

¹² Fayette County Deed Book V: 417.

of Lexington, to William Frazer, also of Lexington, for the conveyance of part of Alexander McConnell's survey. William Frazer paid his sisters thus named \$5,000 for their share of the above-mentioned property which was the chief asset of the estate of their mother.

Among the prized possessions of Philadelphia Frazer were two books which had been owned by her father Edward Herndon and in which he had inscribed his name. The signature was almost exactly a duplicate of that which appeared on the original Will of her father and on a deed which he signed.

Of the reputed 13 children born to William and Philadelphia Frazer 11 have been identified by Bible, court, and graveyard records. A twelfth who died in infancy is vouched for by family tradition.

*Children of William Frazer and Philadelphia Herndon:*¹³

808 REBECCA FRAZER, b 1789, d unm., 22 October 1851.

809 MARY DUERSON FRAZER, b 1790, d unm., 4 February 1842.

810 MARTHA D. FRAZER, b 1792, d unm., 23 October 1851.

811 ROBERT FRAZER (b 1795; d 28 July 1833), M.D., Transylvania University, m first, in Lexington, MARY BLEDSOE, by whom he had a daughter, Mary Bledsoe Frazer (1826-1843); in secondly NANCY CHRYSES BLEDSOE, a niece of his first wife, and had issue, a son William Bledsoc Frazer who married and had issue living near Clark's Station, Missouri, in 1895.

812 WILLIAM FRAZER (b 26 January 1797, Spotsylvania Co., Va.; d 1880), m in Lexington, Ky., 22 June 1826 ANN OVERTON. She was daughter of James Overton and his wife Frances Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Charles Thompsons and his wife, (Mrs.) Elizabeth [Cooke]-Throckmorton. William and his family migrated to Missouri in 1854, and in 1858 settled in Saline County, Mo. Their children were all born in Lexington, Ky., and died in Saline County, Mo. They were:

(1) William Frazer (b May 1827; d 20 January 1916) unm.

(2) Mary Overton Frazer (1829-1900) unm.

(3) Martha Ann Frazer (b 1832; d 1868), m in Livingston County, Mo., 2 January 1860 John D. Hoy (1812-1870), and had issue, 3 sons and 1 daughter.¹⁴

(4) James Overton Frazer, unm.

(5) Robert Frazer, unm.

(6) Rebecca Frazer, unm.

(7) Virginia Frazer, unm.

813 LUCY M. FRAZER (b 1798, d 6 March 1842) m in Lexington 16 July 1828

¹³ For a large part of the material in this record of the children special acknowledgment of the compiler's sense of appreciation is due to Mrs. Robert Gibson Robinson (Martha Gilmore Robinson), of New Orleans, La., a descendant.

¹⁴ The daughter was Anna Overton Hoy (b 27 April 1862; d 30 April 1947) who m 1935 Frank Otis Shepard. She preserved many records of her great-grandparents' family and shortly before her death made them available to Mrs. Robert G. Robinson, New Orleans, La.

THOMAS H. BARTLETT, of Henry County, Ky., and had issue:

(1) Thomazella Virginia Bartlett who married, as his first wife, her second cousin Dr. William T. Shortridge, son of William Shortridge and his wife Mary, daughter of Thomas Herndon and his wife Susannah Beverly Stubblefield.

814 PHILADELPHIA HERNDON FRAZER, b 1802, d unm., 9 November 1819.

815 WARREN FRAZER (b 6 October 1805, d 1884), educated at Transylvania University, studied medicine with his elder brother Robert; M.D., 1827; practiced at Winchester for 25 years, as well as looked after the extensive hemp business founded by his father; m there 20 September 1831 LAURA BROOKING (d 1885), and had issue 7 children who continued to live in Lexington-Winchester neighborhood, the names of four of whom are known to this compiler:

(1) Mary Frazer m Wm. C. Day.
 (2) Amanda Frazer m —— Winston.
 (3) John Frazer.
 (4) Anna Frazer m Robert Bridges.

816 JOHN PEACHY FRAZER (b 1810; d 21 November 1819).

817 VIRGINIA K. FRAZER (1811-1859), died unm., but testate, leaving her estate to her niece, Virginia K. Nolan.

818 ELIZABETH JANE GARNETT FRAZER (b 1814, Ky.; d 30 May 1852, West Baton Rouge Parish, La.) m in Christ Church, Lexington, Ky., by the Right Reverend B. B. Smith to DR. JOHN TILGHMAN NOLAN, graduate of Transylvania University, 1831. He was a son of George Nolan and his wife Mary Harnsberger who lived in Conecuh County, Alabama. Dr. John T. Nolan and his second wife, who variously used Jane Garnett or Elizabeth Jane Garnett or just Garnett as her name, moved to Yazoo City, Miss., lived near Benton, Miss., close to the plantation of his brother James Harnesberger Nolan, where their first two children were born. She must have been a person of more than usual ability, for she was named executrix of the Will of her oldest brother Robert Frazer when he fell a victim to the cholera epidemic early in 1833, after he had given tirelessly of his time and strength to those who had been stricken. In 1844-45 the family acquired "Westover" Plantation in West Baton Rouge Parish, La., adjacent to Allendale Plantation, owned since early in the 1800's by Dr. John T. Nolan's uncle, Colonel John T. Nolan for whom he was named. The children of Dr. John T. Nolan and his second wife were:

(1) Josephine Nolan m Major John H. New; no issue.
 (2) Philadelphia Nolan m Edward McDowell; no issue.
 (3) John Tilghman Nolan (b 16 June 1843, Lexington, Ky., d 10 Dec 1899, St. Elizabeth Plantation near Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish, La., buried in A. A. Maginnis tomb, Metarie Cemetery, New Orleans) educated at Magruder's School, Baton Rouge, Oakland College, Miss., and University of Virginia; member of Delta Psi (St. Anthony's Society); rose from private to captain, and Acting Major, C.S.A.; m at Ocean Springs, Miss., 1 June 1863 Sarah Eugenia Maginnis (d 2 April 1894, New Orleans, La.) daughter of Arthur A. Maginnis and his wife Elizabeth Armstrong; had issue, 2 sons and 4 daughters.

- (4) Virginia K. Nolan m first ——— Brown, and had issue, a son, Nolan Brown; m secondly ——— Walters, from whom she was divorced and had her children's names changed to Nolan.
- (5) Mary E. (called Lillie) Nolan, d unm.
- (6) William George Nolan, d infancy.
- (7) Susan Jane Nolan (1852-53).

819 EDMUND FRAZER, died in infancy.

820 child FRAZER, died infancy.

#186 JOSEPH HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 1773, lived at "Locust Grove", Spotsylvania County, and died 8 February 1832. His wife was LUCY DUERSON. He was paymaster of the 16th Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Lt. Col. Aylett, War of 1812-5; but no land bounty warrant was applied for by any of his family because of that service of his. He was a member of the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church. In his Will dated 29 October 1831 and probated 7 May 1832,¹ he described himself as in very feeble health, and provided that his sons who were to be his executors should sell either his personal estate or his slaves, if necessary, that his "much beloved wife Lucy" should have a life interest in his plantation on the south side of Bushes Road, and all slaves and stock of every description; that at her death the proceeds should be divided among his four children whom he named, and that his son Alexander should additionally receive all the testator's land on the north side of Bushes Road. Bond of the executors was fixed at \$9,500.

Children of Joseph Herndon and Lucy Duerson:

821 THOMAS DUERSON HERNDON (b 25 March 1795;² will dated 1 November 1852, proved 3 January 1853³); m 6 October 1814 ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY (b 10 December 1794; d bet 1853 and 1860),⁴ daughter of Rev. John Ascumb Billingsley and his wife, Sarah Duerson. In November 1832 he was a member of the Jackson Committee of Correspondence for Spotsylvania County. His executors, who were his widow Elizabeth Herndon and his son-in-law John Addison Gordon, furnished bond 7 February 1853 in the

¹ Spotsylvania County Will Book N: 265-266.

² This date taken from the Billingsley Record examined by the compiler and Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon when they called at the home of the Misses Herndon, of Ashland, Va., in 1939.

³ Spotsylvania County Will Book U: 12.

⁴ Birth date is taken from the Billingsley Record cited in footnote 2; the death date is there given as 1850-1860, but as Elizabeth was living when her husband's Will was probated in 1853, the shorter period 1853-1860 is here given.

sum of \$30,000. The inventory of his estate shows that he owned 31 slaves at his death.⁵ He left to his widow a life interest in most of his property which on her death was to pass jointly to their daughter Elizabeth Lewis Gordon and her husband, John Addison Gordon. For their descendants see the sketch of Lucy Herndon [#187].

822 MARY ANN HERNDON (b ca 1797), d unm., post 1832.

823 HULDAH HERNDON (1798-1845), m 3 April 1817, as his first wife, REVEREND HERNDON FRAZER; she died without issue.

824 ALEXANDER HERNDON (b 9 December 1801; d 6 July 1876),⁶ m 20 December 1821 ANN ("NANCY") BILLINGSLEY (b 17 April 1796; d 2 July 1878⁷), daughter of Reverend John Ascumb Billingsley and his wife, Sarah Duerson. Alexander Herndon was a farmer, a member of the Jackson Committee of Correspondence for Spotsylvania in 1832, and a member of the Baptist Church. To his Will, dated 13 January 1866, he added a codicil 3 February 1876 because of the death in the meanwhile of his daughter, Nancy E. Herndon to whom he had originally made certain bequests.⁸ The appraisal of his estate was dated 15 September 1876.⁹ On 2 October 1876 both it and his Will were recorded. His issue:

- (1) John Joseph Herndon (b 28 October 1822; d 8 March, 1895), unm.
- (2) Lucy Mary Herndon (b 15 September 1824; d May 1896) m December 1844 James C. DeJarnett, and had 4 sons and 6 daughters.
- (3) William Alexander Herndon (b 3 December 1826; d 6 September 1871), a physician of Culpeper, Va., m 19 September 1849 Elizabeth Cumberland George (born in Stafford County, Va., d 6 July 1911, Washington, D. C., buried at Culpeper C. H., 8 July 1911), only daughter of Cumberland George; issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.
- (4) Anne Elizabeth Herndon ("Nancy E.") was born 17 February 1829, d 19 September 1871, unm.
- (5) Virginia Lewis Herndon (b 29 August 1831, d 16 October 1893), unm. By her Will, dated 19 June 1891, recorded 6 November 1893 she left all she possessed to her sister, Huldah F. Hawkins.¹⁰
- (6) Thomas Herndon (b 10 February 1834; d 22 September 1873), physician of West Point, Va., m 1 March 1865 Nannie Sydney Gregory (b 17 Nov 1845; d 25 December 1872), daughter of William W. Gregory and his wife, Wealthan Thornton; issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.
- (7) Zachary Billingsley Herndon (b 8 April 1836; d February 1897, Ashland, Va.), assistant surgeon C.S.A., paroled at Lake City, Florida, May

⁵ *Spotsylvania County Will Book U*: 37.

⁶ The date of birth is as stated in 10 VMHB 201 (cited in The Billingsley Record as "b 1801 or 1802"). The date of death in 10 VMHB 201 is in error, however, since Alexander Herndon added a codicil to his Will in 1876. The Billingsley Record gives the date as 6 July 1876.

⁷ As shown in the Billingsley Record.

⁸ *Spotsylvania County Will Book Z*: 4.

⁹ *Ibid.*, 16.

¹⁰ *Spotsylvania County Will Book AA*: 441.

1865; m 2 October 1867 Mrs. Maria (Gilchrist) DeVaux; had issue 2 sons and 3 daughters.¹¹

(8) Huldah Frazer Herndon (b 26 January 1839), m 18 August 1885 Rev. Edward P. Hawkins, of Maple Grove; lived at Post Oak, Va., had no issue.

#187 LUCY HERNDON [28 Edward] was born 8 May 1781, Spotsylvania County, Va., and died 5 January 1838, Orange County, Va. On 16 August 1804, she was married in Fredericksburg to Reverend JOHN CHURCHILL GORDON (b 18 November 1779, Orange County, Va.; d there 20 April 1848), son of James Gordon (1759-1799) and his wife, who was his first cousin, Elizabeth Gordon (b 1758), whom he married 13 August 1777.¹ James Gordon's parents were John Gordon (d 1780) and Lucy Churchill who were married in 1758. Lucy was a daughter of Colonel Armistead Churchill, whose grandfather William Churchill came from England in 1669 and settled in Middlesex County, Va. Elizabeth Gordon's father was Colonel James Gordon, a brother of John Gordon above. They came from County Down, Ireland, in 1738 to Lancaster County, Va., and later lived in Middlesex and Richmond Counties, Va.

Lucy Herndon and her husband made their home in Orange County, Va. All of their children (except Lucy and Margaret Jane, who married Garnett brothers) continued to live either in their native Orange or nearby Culpeper County.

Children of John Churchill Gordon and Lucy Herndon:

825 JAMES HERNDON GORDON, b 20 July 1805; d 14 February 1807.

826 MARY GORDON (b 4 March 1807) m 15 July 1833 LARKIN WILLIS, of Culpeper County, Va.

827 ELIZABETH GORDON (b 1 May 1809) m JAMES WILLIS, of Culpeper County, Va.

828 REVEREND JOSEPH HERNDON GORDON (b 15 March 1811) m LUCY HOBERT; no issue.

¹¹ The daughters were the Misses Herndon, mentioned in footnote 2. They were Julia Kane, Anne, and Maria Gilchrist Herndon. Their oldest brother died in infancy, and their other brother, a well known Presbyterian minister, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Reverend John Gilchrist Herndon, died a short time before the call mentioned above. He was married but left no issue.

¹ Armistead Churchill Gordon: *Gordons in Virginia*, 63 *et seq.*, contains much information utilized in the listing of members of this Gordon family.

829 JOHN ADDISON GORDON (b 19 November 1812; d 31 March 1883) m first JANE LEWIS HERNDON, daughter of his first cousin Thomas Duerson Herndon. She was born 1815 and died 1856/7. They had issue, 5 sons and 8 daughters.

- (1) Joseph Herndon Gordon (b 28 May 1834) m 3 March 1856 Hannah Elizabeth Willis; issue.
- (2) Sarah Elizabeth Gordon (b 11 Sept. 1835; d Oct. 1880) m 20 Nov. 1855 John Dabney Billingsley, of Kentucky; issue.
- (3) Lucy Harrison Gordon (b 18 June 1837) m 15 Dec. 1869 Alexander Dandridge Spotswood, of Orange Co., Va.; issue.
- (4) Thomas Churchill Gordon (b 25 Dec. 1838) m 9 Nov. 1865 Lucy G. Ballard; issue.
- (5) Mary Ann Gordon (b 2 Feb. 1840) d young.
- (6) Jane Lewis Gordon (13 June 1842) d unm. 3 Dec. 1902.
- (7) John Addison Billingsley Gordon (b 29 Jany. 1844) m first 12 Nov. 1866 Fannie Fife Gordon, daughter of Edward Harrison Gordon and his wife Fannie Pannill Herndon (daughter of Jacob Whiteler Herndon [#850]; had issue. He married secondly Mrs. Sarah (Andrews) Lipscomb.
- (8) Edward Harrison Gordon (b 20 April 1846) d unm. 20 Sept. 1871.
- (9) Hannah Frazer Gordon (b 11 May 1848) d unm. 5 July 1864.
- (10) Fannie Herndon Gordon (b 19 Jany. 1850) d young.
- (11) William Armistead Gordon (b 9 Aug. 1852), physician of Spotsylvania Co., Va., m first 9 November 1876 Irene Garnett Willis; had issue. He m secondly in June 1900 Sallie J. Willis.
- (12) Eva Waddell Gordon (b 6 January 1854) d unm., 7 January 1902.
- (13) Laura Willis Gordon (b 1 March 1856) d 2 May 1861.

John Addison Gordon m secondly in March 1862 MARY HARRIS; issue:

- (14) Sallie Hart Gordon (b 5 July 1864) m 1 March 1887 Edgar Oswald Willis, of Culpeper Co., and had issue.

830 LUCY HERNDON GORDON (b 2 March 1814; d 26 March 1890, Saline County, Mo.), m in Orange County, Va., THOMAS GARNETT (b 17 December 1810, Culpeper County, Va.; d 24 May 1880, Saline County, Mo.). The two Garnett brothers, Thomas and John Newton, who married Lucy Herndon Gordon and her sister Margaret Jane, left Orange County, Va., 1 September 1851 for Missouri. They went by carryall to Louisville, Ky., where they stayed a month because of the illness of the oldest child of Thomas and Lucy. From Louisville to Saline County, Mo., they travelled by boat. The brothers bought adjoining farms (and settled on them) between the towns of Miami and Slater, Missouri. Thomas and Lucy Garnett had issue, 5 sons and 5 daughters:

- (1) William Churchill Garnett, m Eliza Gaugh; no issue.
- (2) Edward Garnett (b 1835; d 27 November 1837).
- (3) Anna Maria Garnett (b 20 November 1837; d 17 June 1909, unm.).
- (4) Martha Eugenia Garnett (b 1839; d 1857), unm.
- (5) Lucy Harrison Garnett (b 3 April 1841; d 2 April 1910), m at Miami, Saline County, Mo., 21 October 1869 James A. Jaudon (d 5 August 1927); lived on a farm near Belton, Cass Co., Mo., until 1904, and thereafter in Belton, Mo.; issue, 2 sons and 5 daughters.

- (6) Addison Chapman Garnett (b 14 September 1842; d 10 September 1906), m in Saline Co., Mo., 26 June 1883 Elizabeth Frances Anderson (1858-1934); moved to a ranch near Pueblo, Colorado about 1910, and later into Pueblo itself, where they died; issue; 3 sons and 1 daughter.
- (7) Laura Virginia Garnett (b 1 May 1844; d 2 August 1894, Kansas City, Mo.), m near Miami, Mo., 12 February 1867 Giles Richerson McDaniel (b 20 December 1842, Boonville, Mo.; d 11 July 1922, Kansas City, Mo.); had 2 sons and 4 daughters.
- (8) Thomas Theophilus Garnett (b 4 November 1846; d 24 July 1927, Belton, Mo.), m in Saline County, Mo., 20 February 1872 Amede Scott; he was a physician; issue, 1 son and 4 daughters.
- (9) Edmona Jane Garnett (b 25 September 1850; d 1927), unm.
- (10) Joseph Herndon Gordon Garnett (b 12 December 1854; d 7 January 1917), a Baptist minister, m in Macon, Mo., 29 October 1877 Julia Dunham; spent most of their married life in Santa Ana, California; issue, 1 son and 3 daughters.

831 HANNAH FRAZER GORDON (b 10 February 1816; d 11 February 1848) unm.

832 EDWARD HARRISON GORDON (b 15 March 1819; d 28 December 1850), m FRANCES PANNILL HERNDON, daughter of Jacob Whiteler Herndon [#850]. They had issue, 3 daughters:

- (1) Ann Judson Gordon (24 February 1842) d unm. 8 April 1897.
- (2) Fannie Fife Gordon (b 20 March 1844; d 15 April 1885) m 12 November 1867 her cousin John Addison Billingsley Gordon, and had issue.
- (3) Lucy Taylor Gordon (b 28 August 1847) m 17 May 1866 Marion Gordon Willis (b 7 April 1846), mayor of Fredericksburg; had issue.

833 MARGARET JANE GORDON (b 2 March 1822; d 30 December 1908, Kansas City, Mo.), m in Orange County, Va., 23 April 1844 DR. JOHN NEWTON GARNETT (b 7 February 1821, Culpeper County, Va.; d 14 October 1893, Kansas City, Mo.); lived in Culpeper and Orange Counties, Va., where their first four children were born, and after 1851 in Saline County, Mo., where their younger children were born. Years later they located in Columbia, Missouri, and about 1880 made their final change of residence to Kansas City, Mo., where they both died and are buried. They had issue, 6 sons and 4 daughters:³

- (1) John Rhea Barton Garnett (1845-1847).
- (2) Eliza Garnett (1846-1855).
- (3) Mary Alice Garnett (1848-1881), unm.
- (4) Edward Prescott Garnett (b 27 May 1850, Culpeper Co., Va.; d 15 April 1915, Kansas City, Mo.) graduate of the University of Richmond Law School, settled in Missouri, 1872; became prosecuting attorney for Kansas City, later a member of the Missouri Legislature and of the Missouri Revising Board; m in Marshall, Saline County, Mo.; 3 September 1874 his first cousin, Anna Bird Garnett (b 9 August 1850, Saline Co., Mo.; d 15 June 1933, Kansas City, Mo.); issue, 5 sons and 1 daughter.

³ Records of this family and of the family of Thomas Garnett and his wife Lucy Herndon Gordon, began on page 100, were contributed by Mrs. R. G. Robinson, of New Orleans, and Miss Bess McDaniel, Kansas City, Mo.

- (5) Hannah Trippe Garnett (1852-1939), unm.
- (6) Brodie Benjamin Garnett (1853-1853).
- (7) Reuben Brodie Garnett (b 29 January 1855, Saline Co., Mo.; d 6 July 1931, Denver, Colorado), m first 15 November 1885 Laura Fisher (d 1917, Kansas City) and had issue, 3 sons; m secondly in Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Mae (—) Gregory, and had no issue.
- (8) Gordon N. Garnett (b 1 September 1857, Saline Co., Mo.; d 13 April 1880, Kansas, Mo.), unm.
- (9) Jane Haseltine Garnett (b 3 March 1859; d 25 December 1937, Kansas City, Mo.), m in Kansas City, Mo., 14 November 1889 Samuel K. Chorn (d 1936) and had issue, 3 daughters.
- (10) Virginia Lee Garnett (b 4 May 1861, Saline Co., Mo.; d 16 July 1936, Corpus Christi, Texas), m 2 November 1887 "Mittie" Price Collins (d 1940, Corpus Christi, Texas); had issue, 3 daughters.

#188 JOHN HERNDON [29 John] was born about 1761 in Spotsylvania County, Va. He qualified as an executor under the Will of his father in 1783,¹ but 2 January 1797 he renounced appointment as administrator of the estate of his mother but did serve as an appraiser thereof.² No identifiable reference to him in the records of Spotsylvania County has been found subsequent to 1797. He married about 1791 Mary ——. She seems to have been Mary Fleetwood and was probably a daughter of Hardy Fleetwood who lived in Edenton District, Bertie County, North Carolina in 1790.³

Children of John Herndon and Mary ——:

834 FLEETWOOD HERNDON (b 10 January 1792, Fredericksburg, Va.; d 28 March 1871), removed about 1818 to Natchitoches, La.; private 1814, in Capt. Brevard's Company, Col. James Bloodworth's Regiment of Louisiana Militia; promoted 8 January 1815 to be quartermaster sergeant in the 17th, 18th, and 19th Consolidated Regiment, Louisiana Militia, and on 15 February 1815 was promoted to be first lieutenant, and served until 15 March 1815.⁴ He m at Natchitoches 14 October 1818 MARTHA BRADLEY (b 20 January 1800, Williamson County, Tenn.; d 14 June 1871, Columbia, Mo.), daughter of James Bradley, a Revolutionary Soldier of North Carolina, and his wife Jane Davidson. About 1820 Fleetwood and Mary Herndon moved to

¹ Spotsylvania County Will Book E: 557.

² Spotsylvania County Order Book for 1795-1799, p. 391.

³ As shown in the *Census of 1790, North Carolina*, p. 12.

⁴ He applied for and received grants of land for this service under the Acts of 1850 and 1855, first 40 acres, then 120 acres additional, when he was a resident of Boone County, Mo.

Long Prairie, Lafayette County, Arkansas, where he bought land. After a time, in order to escape river floods, many of the settlers there built homes in the hills and began a little community which they called Walnut Hills. When in 1842 the first postoffice was established there, Fleetwood Herndon was appointed postmaster. Shortly before 1842 he was one of the three commissioners appointed to select a new location for the seat of Lafayette County, and was one of the building commissioners for the new courthouse. Politically he was a Whig. In 1850 his real estate in La Grange township (his residence) was appraised at \$16,740. His business was that of a cotton planter and in it he achieved more than average prosperity. His slave holdings were large. In 1851 he and his wife and certain members of his family located on a large farm in Boone County, Mo., near Columbia. Because he attached much importance to education, he had sent several of his sons to the University of Missouri (which had been established in 1839) even before he and his family moved to Missouri. In the autumn of 1870 he was one of 27 soldiers of the War of 1812 who assembled at Moberly, Mo., for their last encampment, agreeing to "meet again only when the reveille is heard 'on fame's eternal camping ground'." In 1915 an official marker was placed on his grave because of his service in the War of 1812. His grave and his wife's are in Columbia Cemetery, West Broadway, Columbia, Mo.⁵ Issue:

- (1) James Bradley Herndon (b ca 1824; d Walnut Hills, Arkansas as a young man), unm.
- (2) John Davidson Herndon (b 8 March 1826, Walnut Hills, Ark.; d 19 February 1871), m 11 March 1853 Eliza Crabtree (b 1833; d 1 January 1880), and had issue, 3 sons and 4 daughters.
- (3) Louisa Jane Herndon (b —— 1827), m William L. Conney, of Virginia; resided in Arkansas.
- (4) Mary E. Herndon (b 1828), m —— Almons, dsp.
- (5) Alfred A. Herndon (b ca 1830), sergeant C.S.A., died of wounds received at the Battle of Shiloh; unm.
- (6) Richard Augustus Herndon (b ca 1833; d 1891 Huntsville, Texas), m. Josephine Oliver; lived at Trinity, Texas; had issue, 1 son, Richard Augustus Herndon (b 24 December 1876); possibly others.
- (7) Harriet Virginia Herndon (b ca 1836, Arkansas; d 1914, Columbia, Mo.), m in Boone Co., Mo., 24 October 1854 David Guitar, son of John Guitar, a native of France, and his wife, Emily Boyle Gordon; issue, 5 sons and 3 daughters.⁶
- (8) Orlando Fleetwood Herndon, unm., lived and was buried at Lewisville, Arkansas.

⁵ This sketch prepared from data submitted to the compiler 30 December 1937 by Miss Mabel Baker, Lewisville, Arkansas, a granddaughter of John Davidson Herndon.

⁶ Fleetwood and Mary Herndon made their home in their declining years at the residence of their son-in-law and daughter, David and Harriet Guitar, in Columbia, Mo. Mrs. Martha Herndon (Guitar) Hale, of Columbia, furnished the compiler 27 February 1937 much information about her grandfather Fleetwood Herndon and his descendants. It has been used in the preparation of much of the other material in this sketch.

- (9) Davidson Bradley Herndon, died in boyhood, was buried in Columbia, Mo.
- (10) Julia Herndon, died young.
- (11) Hardy Hightower Herndon, m Mary ———; dsp.
- 835 ELIZA HERNDON (b ca 1784), m HARRY BECKHAM; lived near Kansas City, Mo., and had, possibly among others, sons named James and Henry Beckman.
- 836 POLLY HERNDON (b ca 1796), m ——— ADAMS; lived in Kentucky.
- 837 FANNY HERNDON (b ca 1799) m ——— BROOKINGS; lived at Lees Summit, Mo., and had, possibly among others, a son named Henry Brookings.
- 838 AUGUSTUS GAINES HERNDON (b 1801; d 1868), m in Bourbon County, Ky., 24 October 1827 his second cousin ELIZABETH GORDON HERNDON, daughter of John Herndon and his wife Judith Hampton. Augustus and Elizabeth Herndon lived in Lexington, Ky., and had issue, 1 daughter:
 - (1) Mary Ann Herndon m William Smith; had issue.
- 839 RICHARD WILLIAM HERNDON (b 1803, Virginia; d 22 July 1854, Springfield, Ill.), m about 1838 MARY A. WIGGS (b 1815, Ky.) and had issue, 3 sons and 2 daughters, and 2 other children who died in infancy:
 - (1) Edward A. Herndon (b 1842, Ky.)
 - (2) Richard Fleetwood Herndon (b 4 May 1844, near Versailles, Ky.; d 1 March 1912, Springfield, Ill.) founder of "Herndon's", the great department store of Springfield, Ill., m 6 October 1886 Kate Lewis (b 9 January 1855, Springfield, Ill.),⁷ daughter of Obed Lewis (b 25 April 1812, Lancaster, Pa.) and Cordelia M. Ilse, whom he married 23 September 1851. Issue of Richard Fleetwood Herndon and his wife, Kate Lewis, 3 sons.
 - (3) Mary A. Herndon (b 1845, Ill.), d young.
 - (4) Charles H. Herndon (b 1847, Ill.), d young.
 - (5) Julia A. Herndon m Joseph Lindley; and had at least one son.

#191 MARY HERNDON [29 John] was born about 1773. She was first mentioned in the records of her native county in a lease dated 22 April 1774, heretofore cited, from John and Mary Campbell and Alexander Spotswood to John and Mary Herndon and their daughter, Mary. Her father's and Mr. Pritchett's lands adjoined. On 7 April 1798 the bond for the marriage of "Polly" Herndon and BENJAMIN ALEXANDER PRITCHETT was filed in Orange County. She died when their only son was a small boy.

⁷ This remarkable old lady in 1948, when she was 93 years of age, furnished to the compiler data about her family written in a firm, clear hand.

Child of Benjamin Alexander Pritchett and Mary Herndon:

840 ROBERT PRITCHETT was born about 1799. After the death of his mother, he made his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stringfellow until he married 5 January 1822 ELIZA HEMTON, daughter of Capt. Alexander Hemton, of Madison County, Va., and his wife Fannie Walker whom he had married 1 December 1796. Richard Pritchett was Clerk of Greene County, Va., until his death. He and Eliza had issue:¹

- (1) Benjamin Alexander Pritchett, b ca 1823.
- (2) Mary Frances Pritchett, m Capt. Wm. T. Sims, and had issue.²
- (3) Robert Lafayette Pritchett, b 1826.
- (4) Edgar Herndon Pritchett (b 4 September 1828, Stanardsville, Va.), m —— Harrison (b 1844) of "Brandon", and had issue.

#192 NANCY HERNDON [29 John] was born 8 January 1775 in Spotsylvania County, Va., where she was married 6 July 1797 to ROBERT STRINGFELLOW¹ (b 15 April 1773; d 4 October 1858), as his first wife. She died 6 April 1813 at their home, "The Retreat", an estate that extended one and a half miles along the Culpeper side of the Rapidan westerly from Raccoon Ford.²

Children of Robert Stringfellow and Nancy Herndon:

841 HORACE STRINGFELLOW (b 9 November 1799; d 26 December 1883, Ashland, Va.), a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who, for some years, was rector of Old Trinity Church, Washington, D. C., moving there from Petersburg, Va., in December 1846. Concerning him his son, Charles S. Stringfellow, wrote from Richmond 14 November 1904:

He and Commodore Maury were very intimate friends, and I am sure their friendship began in their boyhood, and I have always understood that in some degree through the Herndons I was connected with his

¹ Record furnished by Mrs. William R. Richardson (nee Anne Pritchett, daughter of Edgar Herndon Pritchett), State Librarian NSDAR, "Little Berkley", Hampton, Va., in 1920.

² From letter dated 20 April 1911 from Dr. T. Whitelaw Sims, of Burnley, Va., a grandson of this couple, addressed to J. W. Herndon, then of Alexandria, Va., and copy furnished this compiler.

1 He was the fourth child and first son of Robert Stringfellow, Sr., and Catherine Stigler (d 27 October 1828) who were married 15 May 1762. Robert Stringfellow, Sr., was born 17 September 1736 and died February 1815, and because of his opposition to the Revolution was called "Tory Bob." He was a noted character of his community, lived at "White Chimney", on the Fredericksburg-Warrenton road, and owned "Liberty Hill", a show place of Fauquier County. He was a son of Henry Stringfellow and his wife Sarah Seal (d 13 October 1761, Culpeper Co.). It is believed that Catherine Stigler was a widow when she and Robert Stringfellow, Sr., were married, but whether Thornton was her family surname or that of her first husband has not been established.

2 Data for this sketch were contributed by Reverend Frank Stringfellow and his daughter Mrs. Robert W. Shultice (nee Lee Stringfellow), of Norfolk, Va., Charles S. Stringfellow, of Richmond, Va., and John Scott Walker, of Orange, Va.

children. If my memory does not fail me, it was in a conversation between these two that reference was made by my father to Lieutenant [William Lewis] Herndon and my connection with him.

He m first 25 November 1823 HARRIET LOUISA GIBBS STROTHER (b 2 November 1807; d 10 July 1847), daughter of William Strother and his wife Mildred Medley, and had issue:

- (1) Robert William Stringfellow (b 21 March 1826; d 5 April 1837).
- (2) Horace Stringfellow (b 6 August 1827), Archdeacon of Alabama.
- (3) James Wade Stringfellow (19 August 1830).
- (4) Mildred Ann Stringfellow (b 13 February 1833; d 13 April 1835).
- (5) Mary Eliza Stringfellow (b 23 July 1834; d — August 1835).
- (6) Charles Simeon Stringfellow (b 3 March 1837; d 8 August 1912), Major, CSA, distinguished lawyer of Richmond, Va., m 24 April 1862, Maggie Burnett (b 19 March 1837), and had issue, 6 sons and 5 daughters.
- (7) Henry Martyn Stringfellow (b 21 January 1839), m Alice Johnston. [See *Who Was Who in America*, vol. I, 1198.]
- (8) Harriet Louisa Stringfellow (b 17 December 1841).
- (9) Robert Rittenhouse Stringfellow (b 2 September 1843).
- (10) Eliza Stringfellow (b 19 September 1845).
- (11) Ann Stringfellow (b 21 March 1847).

He married secondly 8 November 1848 CAMELLA HARRIS (b 28 October 1814) and by her had issue:

- (12) John Harris Stringfellow (b 16 October 1849).
- (13) William Howard Stringfellow (b 18 August 1851).
- (14) Mary Tennent Stringfellow (b 28 November 1852).

842 HARRIET STRINGFELLOW (b 29 October 1801; d 6 October 1888)² m DR. JOHN BYRD HALL (b ca 1786; d 1 September 1862),² both buried in the Fredericksburg City Cemetery; had issue, including:

- (1) John B. Hall, "fell at Chancellorsville May 3, 1863 in 23rd year of his age".
- (2) Carrie Hall (b 1844; d 24 November 1868) m Herbert A. Claiborne.
- (3) Horace B. Hall, of Fredericksburg.
- (4) Robert Carter Hall, of Fredericksburg.

843 ROBERT RITTENHOUSE STRINGFELLOW (b 4 May 1803; d 3 February 1842) m ANNE PICKETT SLAUGHTER and had, probably among others:

- (1) Reverend Frank Stringfellow (d post 1904) m —, had 2 daughters.
- (2) Robert S. Stringfellow, of Culpeper County, Va., m Jane Eliza Green (d 19 June 1918, in her 84th year).³

844 ANN ELIZA STRINGFELLOW (b 6 July 1805; 20 August 1808)

² These dates and those pertinent to the first two children of this couple mentioned were copied from their tombstones; record furnished to the compiler by George H. S. King, of Fredericksburg, Va., 21 January 1943.

³ *Southern Churchman*, issue of 6 July 1918.

845 JULIA ANN STRINGFELLOW (b 7 March 1807; d 20 August 1808).

846 SUSAN HERNDON STRINGFELLOW (b 1 April 1809; d 23 September 1867) m 18 December 1828 JOHN SCOTT WALKER (b 2 July 1809; d 18 February 1893, Madison County, Va.), son of John Walker (b 20 August 1773; d 27 July 1838), a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, and his first wife, Judith Wood who were married 28 December 1795. [Edward Walker migrated from Wales to Virginia and married Mary Daniel, of Caroline County. Their eldest son was James Walker (b 5 April 1726; d 18 December 1801), graduate of William and Mary College, member of the Virginia House of Burgesses, 1761-1771, from Orange County, married 20 February 1763 Sarah Jane Ware (b 31 January 1740; d 1819), of King and Queen County. Their son John became the father of John Scott Walker, above.] Issue:

- (1) Eliza S. Walker (b 5 December 1829, d unm., 22 January 1871);
- (2) Mary Walker (b 18 October 1832; d.s.p. 28 September 1852) m David Tenant, of Richmond;
- (3) Sarah Walker (b 27 July 1834, d unm 19 July 1893);
- (4) Joseph Walker (b 28 June 1836; d unm 22 October 1862);
- (5) Robert Stringfellow Walker (b 19 October 1840; d 14 March 1914) served as Captain, CSA; founded in 1889 Woodberry Forest School for Boys near Orange, Va.; married 25 January 1874 Nannie Carter Goss (b 8 July 1848; d 28 March 1928) and had issue, six sons and no daughters: John Carter Walker, Joseph Walker, John Scott Walker, Robert Stringfellow Walker, Frank Stringfellow Walker, and Albert Stuart Walker.

847 WILLIAM THORNTON STRINGFELLOW (b 2 April 1811; d 3 November 1817).

848 ANGELINA STRINGFELLOW (b 5 November 1812; d 31 March 1814).

Robert Stringfellow married secondly MARY PLUNKETT (b 12 February 1779; d 1 January 1844), and had by her four children, listed below for reference purposes, who were not Herndon descendants:

- (a) Frances Woolfolk Stringfellow (b 5 February 1815; d 2 August 1816);
- (b) Benjamin L. Stringfellow (b 3 September 1816) who was for some years reporter of the Court of Appeals of Missouri and later attorney-general of that State;
- (c) John Henry Stringfellow (b 4 November 1819) who later became first speaker of the House of Representatives of Kansas;
- (d) Charles Addison Stringfellow (b 22 June 1821; d 4 August 1823).

#193 ELIZABETH HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 22 February 1759 and died 25 December 1777. In 1776 she married WILLIAM CRUTCHFIELD who was a corporal of infantry in Taylor's Virginia Regi-

ment¹ and later sergeant in the Third Regiment of Light Dragoons. He "died in the service of the States", leaving Philadelphia Crutchfield as only daughter and heir.²

Child of William Crutchfield and Elizabeth Herndon:

849 PHILADELPHIA CRUTCHFIELD, b 18 February 1777; d 13 October 1784.

#194 EDWARD HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 16 January 1761. He married first 16 November 1780 MARGARET WHITELER (b 12 December 1763; d 1 July 1808) and secondly 13 July 1809 MRS. ELIZABETH (MAURY) LEWIS.¹

On 26 June 1831 Edward Herndon executed the following affidavit:²

Edward Herndon, aged seventy years, being first duly sworn saith, That in the latter part of the year 1779 he was appointed to act as Commissary of issues at Fredericksburg when Dr. John Julien acted as Hospital Surgeon and gave orders for rations for the soldiers in the Hospital. That after the surrender of Cornwallis, a part of the soldiers were marched to Fredericksburg . . . He believes that Dr. Julien attended upon the sick in the Hospital as long as this affiant remained in the issuing department which was to the end of the war or as long as rations were called for and untill all the stores both of the Commissary and Quarter Master in Fredsburg [sic] were ordered to be sold.

The statement that he "declined a Revolutionary pension"³ is inaccurate, for a pension was granted him at the rate of \$540 per annum under the Act of 1832 which was paid him until his death 17 October 1837. In November 1851 [slightly more than 14 years after the death of the pensioner] Reuben Herndon in his capacity as administrator of the estate of his deceased grandfather, this Edward Herndon, attempted to secure an increase in the pension previously allowed on the ground that the services of his grandfather had not been correctly evaluated. In support of this claim he filed the following Order of the Jefferson County, Kentucky, Court:⁴

¹ *Gwathmey*, 197.

² *Crozier*, 524.

¹ Whether she was widow of Capt. James Lewis, of "Portland", as stated in 11 VMHB 100, or of William Lewis, the compiler does not know.

² *Wm. and Mary Quarterly*, Vol. 27, First Series: 81.

³ 11 VMHB 100.

⁴ Pension File S-#30,478.



State of Kentucky

At a county court held for Jefferson County at the Court House in the City of Louisville on the 24th day of November 1851, which is a court of probate, the following order was passed.

It satisfactorily appearing to the Court, it is ordered to be certified and recorded that Edward Herndon decd., late of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, was a Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Commissary General in the Virginia Line during the War of the Revolution and departed this life between the 10th and 12th day of November in the year 1837, leaving no widow and only two living children, viz., Jacob, five living children as follows: Reuben Herndon, of Louisville, Joseph E. Herndon, of Warren County, Ky., John P. Herndon, Margaret W. Fife, and Mary E. Fife, and the said Elizabeth leaving the following who are her only living children John Hull, Dabney Hull, William Hull, Isaac Hull, Margaret Anne Thomas, and Jane Minor. It is also ordered to be certified that the said Reuben Herndon is the administrator of the said Edward Herndon.

On presenting the foregoing Order he also made the following declaration.

The declaration of Reuben Herndon, a resident of the City of Louisville and State of Kentucky and administrator upon the estate of Edward Herndon, decd., who was an officer in the Army of the Revolutionary War and belonged to the Virginia or Continental Line as will appear from files in Pension Office. It will further appear from said files that an allowance was made of forty five dolls. pr. month (or five hundred and forty doll. per annum) in consideration of the Revolutionary Services of Edward Herndon (decd) under the Act of June 7, 1832—Declarant states that he is in possession of all the papers belonging to the Quartermasters Department, at the Post of Fredericksburg, Va., Commanded by Richard Young, assistant Deputy Quartermaster, under Major Richard Claiborne, D.Q.M. St. Virg., during the Revolutionary War, that the said papers and contents were left in the possession of Edward Herndon (decd.) by Qr. M. Richard Young upon his migration to Kentucky, as will appear from letter dated 4 May 1784 and marked No. 1.

That the said Edward Herndon (decd) served in different ranks and capacities during the War as lieut., captain, and assistant commissary of Issues but that his chief service was in the QM Department, that the pay that was allowed under the Act of 1832 was too small, and that this declaration is made for the purpose of obtaining increased pay, etc., etc.

Reuben Herndon sent to the Pension Office the original records of the Quartermaster's Department that had been in the possession of his grandfather Edward Herndon. In 1913 the War Department received them from the Commissioner of Pensions. A note in the file in this case states that they included 14 orders, nine receipts, one certificate relative to the use of a horse, one return of supplies received in January 1781 from the State of Virginia by Richard Young, Asst. Q.M. General at Fredericksburg, two bundles of stubs relative to payments, and two letters concerning stores.

Edward Herndon's own signatures are on the original papers showing sums due him for his services as storekeeper from 1 October 1781 to 16 November 1781, signed at Fredericksburg 28 February 1782 for £27 12. 0. The signature was "Edw^d. Herndon junr."; also for one month from 16 November 1781 at the rate of 60 dollars or £18. 0., which he received for 20 May 1782 as "Edw^d. Herndon S. Kp. [Store Keeper]."

Here is the record as found in *The Spotsylvania County Public Claims*, page 40, in the Archives, Virginia State Library, Richmond:

Aug. 21, 1783

Entry #421 An account certified by Richard Young, C.Q.M. [Continental Quartermaster] due EDWARD HERNDON A.Q.M. [Assistant Quartermaster] for wages as storekeeper at Port Royal [Caroline County] by which appears a balance of £18. 16. 0. due said Herndon.

EDWARD HERNDON was also designated "Issue Comr." in the same volume (page 8), when on 18 January 1781 he issued to Richard Kenny a certificate.

In *The Caroline County Public Claims* this Edward Herndon was designated both A.Q.M. [Assistant Quartermaster] and A.D.M. [Assistant Deputy (Quarter) Master] on numerous certificates which he issued and signed with the foregoing initials after his name.

In *Lives of Virginia Baptist Ministers*⁵ there is the following item relative to this Edward Herndon written by one of his granddaughters⁶ in an article concerning the Reverend Jacob Whiteler Herndon:

... Mr. Edward Herndon was a native of Spotsylvania County, a man of clear discriminating judgment, and strict probity and justice. During the revolution he resided in Fredericksburg and received the office of commissary in the army which he retained til the surrender of Yorktown. After the war he served on the magistrate's bench forty years dispensing justice with an even hand, and enjoying in a high degree the confidence and esteem of the community in which he lived.

What happened is perfectly apparent. This Edward Herndon, who was only 18 years old in 1779, was given an appointment in the commissary's department that fall, and there he served until the war ended. It is wholly unreasonable to assume that he was commissioned a lieutenant at 17, promoted to the captaincy of a company of infantry at 18, and that he resigned that commission to accept the type of assignment which we know he held until the end of the war, variously designated as storekeeper, assistant deputy quartermaster, assistant quartermaster, issue

⁵ Second Series: 202, by James B. Taylor.

⁶ Either Mrs. Margaret W. Fife or Mrs. Mary E. Fife.

commissary, and commissary of issues. One cannot say with certainty what was its exact military equivalent in recognized grades such as corporal, sergeant, ensign, lieutenant, and captain; but that he advanced in designation and responsibility cannot be doubted. Of course, we now know that the papers on which Reuben Herndon relied to prove that his grandfather Edward Herndon had been a lieutenant and later a captain pertained to Edward Herndon of Goochland and Campbell Counties.^{6a} Moreover, nothing in the file justifies the belief that Reuben Herndon was not acting in perfectly good faith in asserting that his grandfather had served in the various capacities which Reuben had ascribed to him. Although the Jefferson County Court adopted an order that was erroneous, so far as it asserted that Edward Herndon, Reuben's grandfather, had served as Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Commissary General in the Virginia Line during the War of the Revolution, it did so upon evidence that seemed reasonable to it. We are, in fact, indebted to that Court for spreading on its minutes so detailed a statement about many of the descendants of Edward Herndon.

Edward Herndon died at his home "Locust Grove" 17 October 1837. He had made his Will 26 November 1834. In it he mentioned his wife Elizabeth and his then living children. It was probated 4 December 1837.⁷

Children of Edward Herndon and his first wife Margaret Whiteler:

850 JACOB WHITELER HERNDON (b 9 June 1784, d 18 June 1848 in Spotsylvania County, Va.) m 14 October 1807 in Campbell County, Va., MARY PANNILL (b 29 January 1791, d 14 February 1862), fourteenth child of William Pannill and his wife Ann Morton. Jacob W. Herndon was a Baptist minister of prominence; builder of churches; soldier of the War of 1812. He and his wife had issue, 5 sons and 6 daughters:

- (1) Reuben Herndon (1809-1890, Decatur, Ga.) m, as her first husband, his cousin, Mary Eliza Hicks.
- (2) Margaret Whiteler Herndon (b 23 March 1811; d 1884) m 1st 1829 Dr. Henry Laurens Minor (d 1832) of "Woodlawn", and had 1 son who d in infancy; m 2nd in 1835, as his second wife, Reverend James Fife (b 1794, Edinburgh, Scot.; settled in Virginia 1812; d 1876) and had issue, 1 son and 1 daughter.
- (3) Nancy Morton Herndon (1813-1815).
- (4) Joseph Edward Herndon (b 5 May 1816, Spotsylvania County, Va.; d 27 June 1881, Sterling, Texas) m in Georgetown, Ky., 17 December 1840 Mary Ann Briscoe (b 1876; d 19 November 1877, of Scott

^{6a} He filed an affidavit in the Campbell County Court in which he stated, "I have neither wife nor child."

⁷ Spotsylvania County Will Book P: 231.

Co., Ky.; lived in Warren County, Ky., 1850; issue, 2 sons and 3 daughters.⁸

- (5) Isabella Jane Herndon (1818-1847) unm.
- (6) Fanny Pannill Herndon (b 8 October 1821; d 23 March 1850) m 2 December 1840 Edward Harrison Gordon, her cousin, of "Western View," who was born 15 March 1819; d 28 December 1850, and had issue, 3 daughters.
- (7) Mary Elizabeth Herndon (b 4 February 1824, "Hazel Hill"; d 5 July 1899, Charlottesville) m 25 March 1851 William Jay Fife (b 1826; d July 1870, Charlottesville, Va.) son of Rev. James Fife and his first wife, —— Miller) issue, 2 sons.
- (8) Jacob Whiteler Herndon (1827-1836).
- (9) John Pannill Herndon (b 16 January 1829, Spotsylvania Co., Va.; d 1884, Snyder, Texas) m in Spotsylvania 25 May 1851 Ann Eliza Anderson (b 22 June 1832; d 28 March 1898, El Paso, Texas), daughter of Dr. John M. Anderson and his wife Ann Alsop, daughter of Samuel Alsop, of "Fairview"; issue 4 sons and 3 daughters.
- (10) Lucy Ann Herndon (1831-1838).
- (11) Henry Minor Herndon (1834-1835).

851 JANE HERNDON, b 1786; d unm., leaving Will dated 13 October 1829, probated 3 January 1831.⁹

852 ELIZABETH HERNDON (d 1844) m 20 November 1806 BRODIE STRACHAN HULL, lived at Holly Springs, Miss., and had issue, 5 sons and 4 daughters:

- (1) Jane Herndon Hull m Dabney Minor, and had issue, 1 daughter.
- (2) John Hull m first Lucy Ann Meriwether, who dsp; m secondly Ann Crump, and had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.
- (3) Margaret Ann Hull m Charles Lewis Thomas, and had 5 daughters.
- (4) William Hull m Mary Lewis Clayton, and had 5 sons and 3 daughters.
- (5) Isaac Hull, nfi.
- (6) Dabney Hull, unm.
- (7) Lucy Hull, unm.
- (8) Edward Brodie Hull m Ellen Clark, and had 1 son.

#197 MARY HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 4 May 1770. She married JOHN CARTER, Jr. (d leaving Will dated 4 Apr 1815¹), lived in Berkeley Parish, Spotsylvania, and had issue:²

853 MARY MINOR CARTER who m 24 September 1830 CAPT. THOMAS H. HORN.
854 JOSEPH CARTER.

⁸ J. H. Brown: *Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas*, 543.

⁹ *Spotsylvania County Will Book N*: 78.

¹ John Minor Herndon was the executor. His bond was in the sum of \$6,000 with Reuben Frazer and Stapleton Crutchfield as securities, 2 October 1815, *Spotsylvania Will Book I-J*: 40.

² The order of the birth of the foregoing children is not known to the author of this book.

855 JOHN CARTER.
856 JAMES CARTER.
857 WILLIAM CARTER.
858 SARAH CARTER who m REVEREND PEGREINE ECHOLS.

#199 WILLIAM HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 29 December 1774. He married 3 November 1800 MARY ANN ELLIS. He died in 1854 leaving a Will dated 10 June 1845, recorded 5 February 1855.¹ Therein he left to his wife a life interest in all he possessed; provided that after her death his estate should be converted into cash and divided into four parts; one part to his daughter Matilda W. Lumpkin and her children; one part to his daughter Eliza E. Martin and her children; one part to his son William E. Herndon; and one part to the children of his deceased daughter Amanda A. Stevenson. He designated [his nephew] John M[inor] Herndon, his son William E[llis] Herndon, and [his son-in-law] Lemuel Martin. His son Dr. William Ellis Herndon did not qualify as executor, and later on Robert C. Duerson was appointed administrator, c.t.a.²

Children of William Herndon and Mary Ann Ellis:

859 AMANDA A. HERNDON m 3 February 1818 RICHARD LEWIS STEVENSON.
860 MATILDA W. HERNDON m JAMES M. LUMPKIN.
861 ELIZA C. HERNDON m 8 October 1825 LEMUEL E. MARTIN.
862 WILLIAM ELLIS HERNDON, b 1818, a physician living in Barbour County, Va.,
in 1850 with his wife MARY ——, and their two children: Paulina, b
1847, and Ellis, b 1849.

#201 LUCY HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 23 August 1779 and died 12 August 1832. She married 20 January 1800 DABNEY MINOR (b 22 July 1779; d 8 March 1822) of "Woodlawn", Orange County, Va., a cousin on her mother's side of the family, being a son of Dabney Minor (d 1797) and his wife Ann Anderson. Lucy (Herndon) Minor wrote interesting family letters. Some of those to her daughter Mrs. Ann M.

¹ Spotsylvania County Will Book U: 393.

² Spotsylvania County Will Book W: 13, 64, 90.

Scales, written in 1827 and 1828 postmarked Orange Springs and River Bank, Orange, Va., have been preserved by her descendants.¹

Children of Dabney Minor and Lucy Herndon:

863 MARY ANN MINOR (1801-1851) m GARRET MINOR MERIWETHER and had:

- (1) Lucy Ann Meriwether m John Hull, son of Brodie Strachan Hull and his wife Elizabeth Herndon; dsp.
- (2) Miles Meriwether m ——— Smith.
- (3) Louisa Minor Meriwether.
- (4) Robert Dale Meriwether.
- (5) Dabney Minor Meriwether.
- (6) Minor Meriwether m ——— Arcey; issue.

864 ANN MERIWETHER MINOR (1803-1872) m 1827 PETER SCALES, and had 7 children:

- (1) Ellen Scales (d young).
- (2) Mary Scales m George N. Robinson, issue.
- (3) Joseph Watkins Scales m Hall M. Barker; issue.
- (4) Henry Minor Scales m ———; issue.
- (5) John Laidly Scales.
- (6) Lucy Minor Scales m ——— Humphrey.
- (7) Dabney Minor Scales m ———; issue.

865 JAMES LEWIS MINOR (1805-1826) unm.

866 DR. HENRY LAURENS MINOR (1807-1832) m 1829 MARGARET WHITELER HERNDON, daughter of Jacob Whiteler Herndon #850, his first cousin.

867 CORDELIA LEWIS MINOR (1810-1843) m 1829 DR. SAMUEL HOPSON DABNEY, and had:

- (1) Cordelia Dabney m, as his second wife, James W. Gray, and had issue.

868 ELLEN MINOR (1811-1826).

869 DABNEY MINOR (1814-1862) m JANE HERNDON HULL, eldest daughter of his first cousin, Elizabeth (Herndon) Hull #852.

870 JOHN MERCER MINOR (1816-1831).

871 FRANCIS MINOR (1820-1843) m VIRGINIA LOUISA MINOR.

#203 DABNEY HERNDON [31 Joseph] was born 14 April 1783 and died 20 December 1824. He married 17 November 1806 ELIZABETH HULL (b 12 January 1789; d 20 April 1825). Some interesting family items which have been gleaned from the Pension File of Capt. Edwin Hull's widow Ann (Eustace) Hull W-#14, 316 follow:

Northumberland County Court 8 January 1810

Ordered, That it be certified that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court, that

¹ Miss Lucy Herndon Ewin, of "Sunnyside", Biloxi, Miss., a great granddaughter of Peter and Ann Meriwether (Minor) Scales, has these and furnished a copy of them to the compiler 21 February 1939.

John Hull, Thomas G. Hull, Brodie S. Hull, and Elizabeth who intermarried with Dabney Herndon are the only heirs of the late Colonel John Hull, deceased, and that the said Col. John Hull was the heir at law of Edwin Hull, late of Northumberland County, deceased.

The rank of Edwin Hull was Captain. He was killed on the battlefield and his non-cupative Will is in this File.

His widow was Ann (Eustace) Hull. She married secondly Capt. Joseph Blackwell, according to affidavit by Elizabeth Digges, 81 years of age, of Fauquier County, in March 1837. Witnesses to this affidavit were Porcia Digges and Sarah D. Digges. A certificate was filed by Wheeling Digges, Justice of the Peace of Fauquier County.

Paul Hull, John M[inor] Herndon, B[rodie] S[trachan] Herndon, A[nn] H[erndon] Maury, M[athew] F[ontaine] Maury, Mary S[trachan] Herndon, and Charles Herndon signed a power of attorney in this matter 26 July 1845, and were listed in a Minute of the Henrico Court, dated 4 August 1845, as all being heirs to Captain Edwin Hull.

The following sketch of Dabney Herndon was written by his grandson Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon in 1903: ¹

In 1805 he was a magistrate for the corporation of Fred[ericksburg]; in April, 1809, was employed at the Farmer's Bank; in August, 1812, was made cashier, which position he held until his death; was elected vestryman of St. George's in 1809 and in 1812 attended the Convention of the Church as its representative; in 1823 was treasurer of the Fred[ericksburg] Classical Academy. He and his noble young wife, who soon followed him, left a large family of young children, yet not before they had firmly planted in their young minds so strong a belief in God that they could not but honor man and to serve their State and country when they came to years of discretion. . . . His wife's parents were Col. John Hull and Ann Strachan.

Children of Dabney Herndon and Elizabeth Hull:

873 JOHN MINOR HERNDON (b 14 May 1808; d 19 September 1871), attorney-at-law; cashier of the Bank of Commerce of Fredericksburg; Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia; judge of both the County and Corporation Courts; Presbyterian; m 28 April 1835 MARGARETTA LOUISA PATTON (b 1810; d 2 July 1852), daughter of Robert Patton, a native of Scotland, and his wife Anne Gordon Mercer, daughter of General Hugh Mercer. John M. and Margaretta Herndon had issue:

- (1) Ellen Mercer Herndon (b 29 April 1836; d 29 January 1888) m 19 April 1855 Seth Barton French; issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters.
- (2) Ann Gordon Herndon, unm., 1 August 1862.
- (3) Elizabeth Fairlee Herndon, d unm., 3 January 1892.

874 DR. BRODIE STRACHAN HERNDON (b 7 July 1810, Fredericksburg, Va.; d 7 August 1886, Washington, D. C.), chief surgeon of the hospitals of Richmond 1861-65; vestryman of St. Georges Parish Church, 1847-65; first surgeon "to perform the Caesarian operation in this country", m 25 November 1830 LUCY ELLEN HANSBROUGH (b 6 June 1813; d 8 December 1880),

¹ See 11 VMHB 334 for this excerpt and the record of the descendants listed.

daughter of Joseph Hansbrough, of Culpeper, and his wife Sarah Myers; issue:

- (1) Dr. Dabney Herndon m Mary Zulette Waterhouse; issue.
- (2) Dr. James Carmichael Herndon m Mary Lightfoot; no issue.
- (3) Dr. Brodie Strachan Herndon m Mary Wallace Gordon; issue.
- (4) Sarah Parker Herndon m George Anderson Nicoll; issue.
- (5) Elizabeth Hull Herndon m Maj. Henry Triplett Botts; issue.
- (6) Lucy Herndon m Robert Blackie; no issue.
- (7) Ann Maury Herndon m George Anderson Mercer; issue.
- (8) Mary Eliza Herndon m Joseph Clay; issue.

875 ANN HULL HERNDON (b 8 August 1811; d February 1901) m 15 July 1834 her cousin MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY (b 16 January 1806; d 1 February 1873), "Pathfinder of the Seas". For the record of his achievements see *The Dictionary of American Biography*. Issue:

- (1) Elizabeth Herndon Maury m William Arden Maury; issue.
- (2) Diana Fontaine Maury m Spotswood Wellford Corbin; issue.
- (3) Richard Launcelot Maury m Susan Crutchfield; issue.
- (4) John Herndon Maury (1842-1861) unm.
- (5) Mary Herndon Maury m James Rhodes Werth; issue.
- (6) Eliza Hall Maury m Thomas Withers, as his first wife; no surviving issue.
- (7) Matthew Fontaine Maury m Rose Robinson; issue.
- (8) Lucy Minor Maury m Neverell Locke Van Doren; issue.

876 DABNEY HERNDON, died in infancy.

877 WILLIAM LEWIS HERNDON (b 25 October 1813; d 12 September 1857) m 9 March 1836 FRANCES ELIZABETH HANSBROUGH (b 10 October 1817; d 5 April 1878), whose sister Lucy Ellen had m his brother Dr. Brodie Strachan Herndon. William Lewis Herndon, explorer of the Amazon, commander of the "Central America" which foundered off Cape Hatteras and was lost but from which he succeeded in removing all the women and children and a few of the men passengers; reckoned one of the greatest of naval heroes. For nearly 50 years the monument to his memory was the only monument on the grounds of the Naval Academy. For the details of his life see *The Dictionary of American Biography*. He and his wife had issue:

- (1) Ellen Lewis Herndon who married Chester Alan Arthur, later President of the United States; issue.

878 MARY STRACHAN HERNDON, b 20 January 1816, Fredericksburg; d unm. 5 July 1908, Richmond, Va.

879 DR. DABNEY HERNDON (b 17 January 1820; d 19 October 1870), assistant surgeon, U.S.A., from 30 September 1841 to 23 September 1842, serving at Carlisle, Pa., Palatka, Fla., and Cedar Keys, Fla.; lived Sumter County, Ala., 1850-1852, and Mobile County, Ala., later. He married twice. His first wife was the mother of all his children. His second wife whom he married 1867 was SARAH A. TART, sister of his first wife, MARGARET ANDREWS TART (b 11 August 1829; d 14 September 1854) whom he had married 8 December 1847, and by her had issue:

- (1) Mary Ann Herndon m William Andrews Turner; issue.
- (2) John Minor Herndon (1851-1852).
- (3) Charles Lewis Herndon (1854-1889), unm.

880 CHARLES HERNDON (b 13 October 1822; d 17 December 1883), a lawyer of high standing; he was a member of City Council of Fredericksburg at the first meeting held after the fall of the Confederacy in 1865, Member of the House of Delegates from Spotsylvania 1865-1867, and of the State Senate, 1869-1877; married at "Prospect Hill", Caroline County, 25 March 1858 LUCY WOODFORD GORDON (b 1 December 1837), daughter of Bazil Gordon and his wife Lucy Penn Taylor and granddaughter of Samuel Gordon and his wife Susanna Fitzhugh Knox. Charles and Lucy Herndon had issue:

- (1) Lucy Taylor Herndon, b 6 February 1859.
- (2) Bazil Gordon Herndon (1861-1883) unm.
- (3) William Lewis Herndon (1861-1861), twin.
- (4) Ann Maury Herndon m Alexander Keene Phillips; issue.
- (5) Charles Herndon m Corinne De Forrest Young, and had issue; m secondly Rosalie St. John; issue.
- (6) William Lewis Herndon (1869-1869).

HERNDON

On September 12, 1857, the "Central America" was lost at sea in a great storm off Cape Hatteras. Captain William Lewis Herndon of the Navy was in command. His tranquil courage preserved discipline up to the last, and until his passengers, officers and crew were all in the boats. Seeing that the last boat was already overloaded, Captain Herndon refused to add to its danger, and ordering it off went down with his ship.

Ay, shout and rave, thou cruel sea,
In triumph o'er that fated deck,
Grown holy by another grave,
Thou hast the captain of the wreck.

No prayer was said, no lesson read,
O'er him, the soldier of the sea;
And yet for him, through all the land,
A thousand thoughts tonight shall be.

And many an eye shall dim with tears,
And many a cheek be flushed with pride;
And men shall say, There died a man;
And boys shall learn how well he died.

Ay, weep for him whose noble soul
Is with the God who made it great;
But weep not for so proud a death,
We could not spare so grand a fate.

Nor could humanity resign
That hour which bade her heart beat high,
And blazoned duty's stainless shield,
And set a star in honor's sky.

O dreary night! Oh grave of hope!
Oh sea, and dark unpitying sky!
Full many a wreck these waves shall claim,
Ere such another heart shall die.

Alas! how can we help but mourn,
When hero bosoms yield their breath!
A century itself may bear
But once the flower of such a death.

So full of manliness, so sweet
With utmost duty nobly done;
So thronged with deeds, so filled with life,
As though with death that life begun.

It HAS begun, true gentleman!
No better life we ask for thee;
Thy Viking soul and woman heart
Forever shall a beacon be.

A starry thought to veering souls,
To teach it is not best to live;
To show that life has naught to match
Such knighthood as the grave can give.

APPENDIX A

(For index to persons here named see pages 136-138)

THE MILITIA OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS EVIDENCED BY PETITIONS OF 14 NOVEMBER 1776

On 14 November 1776 there were signed seven nearly identical petitions the standard form of which was as follows:

To the Honourable the President and Gentlemen of the Convention

The Petition of Sundry Freeholders &c others, Inhabitants of Spotsylvania County, Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioners Labour under a very Great Hardship in being Obliged to travel, some Twenty odd, and others Thirty miles to attend General Musters, which are Constantly appointed at the Courthouse in Fredericksburg, situate on one side of the County

We therefore pray that an ordinance may pass, Directing that General Musters for the future, be appointed at, or Near the Center of, the County, and your Petitioners shall pray &

Each was then signed by the officers and men of a particular company. In each case the name of the Captain was inscribed on the back of the petition. For convenience in referring to them, each petition was given a number, but whether by direction of the State Archivist or someone else does not appear.

Petition #1 is that of *Captain Craig's Company*. It employs the wording above given except that "Chairman" is used instead of "President." The signatures were as follows:

<i>Joseph Herndon</i>	<i>Ellicksander Johnson</i>	<i>Jacob Wade</i>
<i>William Chiles</i>	<i>Johnathon Johnson</i>	<i>John Falconer</i>
<i>William Mastin</i>	<i>Thomas More</i>	<i>John Mastin</i>
<i>Benja Mastin</i>	<i>Peter Rosett</i>	<i>Saml. Faulconer</i>
<i>John Craig</i>	<i>Jno Skaths</i>	<i>Saml. Faulconer, Junr</i>
<i>Morning Page</i>	<i>Jno Collins</i>	<i>John Hawkins</i>
<i>Thomas Mastin</i>	<i>Dillard Collins</i>	<i>Benjamin Quinn</i>
<i>John Haydon</i>	<i>Charles Beazley</i>	<i>Thomas Wisdom</i>
<i>John Beasley</i>	<i>Thomas Gains</i>	<i>Thos. White</i>
<i>Joseph Faulconer</i>	<i>Francis Wisdom</i>	<i>Gipson White</i>
<i>John Sanders</i>	<i>Thos. Lipscomb</i>	<i>John Musick</i>
<i>Charles Beazley</i>	<i>John White</i>	<i>Edward Collins</i>
<i>Richd Jones</i>	<i>James Nelson</i>	
<i>John Page</i>	<i>Charls Robins</i>	

Petition #2 is like Petition #1 except that the names appearing thereon were all written by one person who was apparently authorized to sign on behalf of all those who approved. On the reverse side of the petition the company is designated as that of "Capt. Stubblefield." The "signatures" read thus:

Beverley Winslow	Henry Chiles	James Wheeler
Harry Stubblefield	William Blaydes	Phillip Johnson
Jas. Wiglesworth	Jos. True	Robt. Hart
Lewis Holladay	John Talbert	John Canahan
James Holladay	Phillip Day	Rollin Pullaim
Abell Steers	Jo. Etherton	Richd [blurred]
William Wiglesworth	David Pullaim	Charles Cosby
John Smith	Thos. Gaddis	Thos. Word (or Ward or Wood)
John Graves	Henry Lane	John Sanders
Samuel Bullock	Thos. Turner	Moses Wheeler
Clayton Coleman	Samuel Trainam	Charles Powell
John Carter	Thos. True	Dudly Harris
William Brooks	James Cason	Joel Lewis
Jos. Duerson	Robt. Shepherd	Nicklas Merriwether
David Sandidge	Wm. Cason	Haws Coleman
Wm. Wherton	John Knight	
John Chiles	Wm. Purkins	

Petition #3 is like its predecessors except that it is easy to identify its penman as Thomas Minor who was the first to sign. On the reverse side is the notation "Capt. Minor." Its other signers were:

Nicholas Lewis	Thomas Hackny	James Smith
Robert Durett	Spilesbe Coleman	Jas. Mason
Fielding Woodroof	William Graves	Richd Coleman Jun
* Benj Waller m l	Randolph Loving	James Gimber
Lorraine Garrett	Thomas May	Caleb Coleman
William Warren	James Warring	Yancey Cook
John Johnson	William Rosse	Moses Morris
John Carter	Richd Dillard	Lend Young
Wm. Edmund Waller	Richard Woodroof	Moses Higgin
Jno. Perry	Bartlett Mathews	James Crawford
George Pain	Drury [undecipherable]	Joseph Howell
John Mason	Thomas Vaughn	Ambrose Shackelford
Robert Pain	Samuel Warren	Joel May
John Shackelford	John Warren	George Cook
Henry Johnson	Gaine [undecipherable]	Geo. Morris
Daniel Lindsay	H Goodloe	Geo. Cockindol

* Actually signed "Benj Waller m l." The meaning of "m l" not known.

In Petition #4 the style of the preceding ones is followed except that the word "petitioners" is spelled "Pettioners" through error. The sig-

natures were not only in three columns on the face of the document but also on its back where the designation of the company is entered as that of *Capt. Parker*. The signers in the first three columns were:

Thomas Allin	Abraham Darnold	James Nelson
Robarts Allin	John Nelson	Wm. [blurred]
Robert Jinkins	Francis Coleman	John Alcock
Joseph Abbott	James Davis	John Corthon
John Smith	Joseph Nelson	Jon. Dedman
Benguman Allen	Benjamin Davis	Jno. Vest
George Blakey	Thomas Brooks	Chas. Cosby
John Jinkings	William Arnold	Wm. Mills
Robart Bradly	John Coleman	Elijah Carter
Henry Coleman	William Whortn	Peter Mckole(s)ter (?)
Ed. Coleman	Richard Dickinson	Geo. Taylor
Walter Chiles	William Gardner	John Hutcherson
Daniel Lamburt	Abram Darnel	William Taylor
Daniel Baldwin	John Knight	Wm. Quarles
[blurred] Hawkins	Ephraim Knight	Wm. Thurston
Massom Poe	Joseph Allen	Edward Collins
Basil White	Francis Todd	

On the reverse side there were four signatures after the last one named below, that of Z. Lewis, but it seems that the paper became water-soaked and they are now undecipherable. The others were those of *Benjamin Childes, Robert Coleman, Robert Hutcherson, Garret Minor, Willm. Fortson, Chas. Hutcherson, Edward Thomas, and Z. Lewis*.

Petition #5, quoted in full at the beginning of this article, is that of *Capt. Robert Chew's Company*. It differs from all the others in that the rank of each signer is stated. The officers, both commissioned and non-commissioned, wrote their rank after their names. The privates signed in three columns with the word " Soldiers " above their signatures.

Robert Chew Capt.	William Scott	Robert Smithers
John Carter leut	Reuben Thornton	Benjamin Head
Robt. Smith Ens.	Reuben Landrum	John Metcham
John Waller KW Sergt.	David Hanson	Thomas Oliver
John Ellis Sergant [sic]	Samuel Estes	John Pritchett
John Pierce Corpl	John Estes	Francis Jones
William Perry Corporal	Wm. Orrit Brock	William Rumsey
SOLDIERS		
Edwd. Herndon	Wm. Pemberton	William Levit
John Cammock	William Robinson	John Brock
Thomas Thornton	Robert O Neale	David Head
George Cammack	George Perry	John Tankersley
	Wm. Thornton	
	Sherod Horn	

On the reverse side of Petition #6 are the words "Capt Bartlet" and the endorsement "Spotsylvania to Prop^{ry}. (Reasonable)". Its signers crammed their signatures into three of the four columns provided with the result that many are much more difficult to read than would otherwise have been the case. The signers were:

<i>Thos. Bartlett</i>	<i>Wm. McCloud</i>	<i>John</i> [undecipherable]
<i>Jn. Holladay jr</i>	<i>Richardson Hensley</i>	<i>Wm. Brace (?)</i>
<i>W. Wood</i>	<i>George Arnold</i>	<i>Paul Apperson</i>
<i>John Hart</i>	<i>Wm Allen</i>	<i>John Devenport</i>
<i>Thomas Montague</i>	<i>Dudley Mitchum</i>	<i>Wm. Tenant (?)</i>
<i>Joseph Perry</i>	<i>John Connor</i>	<i>Samuel Gibson</i>
<i>Jos. Herndon</i>	<i>Jno Steward</i>	<i>James Raines</i>
<i>Henry Pendleton Jun</i>	<i>Francis Turnley</i>	<i>Barnett Paine</i>
<i>Wm Carter</i>	<i>Stapl. Crutchfield</i>	<i>Abraham Wilson</i>
<i>John Wilson</i>	<i>Cs. Smith</i>	<i>Thomas Wilson</i>
<i>John Carthrae</i>	<i>Thos. Coleman</i>	
[undecipherable]	<i>James Mitcham</i>	

The swift moving events of 1776 caused certain changes to be made in Petition #7 but whether they were inserted by *Capt. John Herndon* or after receipt of the Petition by the House of Delegates does not appear. The words "President" and "Convention" in the address were stricken out and "Speaker" and "House of Delegates" substituted. In the body of the Petition a line was drawn through the word "Ordinance" and in its place "Act of Assembly" written. The names of signers were as follows:

<i>John Herndon</i>	<i>Lodowick Oneal</i>	<i>Chas. Williams</i>
<i>James Lewis</i>	<i>George Willson</i>	<i>Jas. McQuady</i>
<i>William Houston</i>	<i>Reuben Young</i>	<i>Hezekiah Ellis</i>
<i>Thos. Jennings</i>	<i>Jos. Steward</i>	<i>Chas. McCauley</i>
<i>Jas. Cunningham</i>	<i>Jno. Price</i>	<i>Aller Wiley</i>
<i>Edward Elley</i>	<i>Benja. Sneed</i>	<i>Maxfield Whiten</i>
<i>Jessee Haydon</i>	<i>Andrew Mowberry</i>	<i>John Sills</i>
<i>John Haydon</i>	<i>John True</i>	<i>Joseph Scroggaham</i>
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